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## Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

## Joshua Steely to represent Wabash County at regional spelling bee

Joshua Steely, 13, an eighth-grader at Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School, will join 14 other county spelling bee champions from northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio will compete at the 66th Annual Journal Gazette Regional Spelling Bee presented by STAR Financial Bank on Saturday, March 7, at Purdue University Fort Wayne's Rhinehart Music Center. Spelling will begin at 10 a.m. in the Rhinehart Recital Hall.

## Taste of Africa offered at Manchester University

The African Student Association at Manchester University wants to share a Taste of Africa with a culinary exploration of the abundance of African cultures and a celebration of African society with enticing tastes, vibrant fashions, lively sounds and spectacular dancing. The event is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, March 7 at the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center. It is free and open to the public.

## 'Death by Chocolate' tickets on sale

The Wabash Area Community Theater's winter comedy "Death by Chocolate" will open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7; and doors will open at noon and dinner is at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at the Charley Creek Inn. Tickets are on sale now at the Charley Creek Inn reception desk. For more information, call Bruce Rovelsat at 260-330-0543 or Bev Vanderpool at 765-661-8206.

## Richvalley Lions Club plans semi-annual Tenderloin Day

The Richvalley Lions

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# ISDH announces first presumptive positive case of COVID-19 in state

## Gov. Holcomb declares public health emergency

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb and the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) announced Friday the first presumptive positive case of COVID-19

in a Marion County resident with a recent history of travel to Boston, according to Gretta Sanderson, ISDH senior communications manager.

"With the help of our federal, state and local partners, Indiana is responding to this case as we have planned and prepared for weeks," stated Holcomb. "The Hoosier who has been diagnosed has taken responsible steps to stay isolated."

A presumptive positive

case means the patient has tested positive at the ISDH Laboratories. Samples will be sent to the CDC for final confirmation.

"ISDH is working closely with the Marion County Public Health Department, Community Hospital North and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to ensure that any close contacts of the patient are identified and monitored and that all infection con-

trol protocols are being followed," stated Sanderson.

"To ensure continued coordination," Holcomb also issued a public health emergency declaration.

"The public health emergency declaration Gov. Holcomb is issuing today will call on state agencies to continue their diligence and cooperation in responding to COVID-19 and ensures that Indiana can seek funding to control and stop the spread

of coronavirus," stated Sanderson.

State Health Commissioner Kris Box, M.D., FACOG, stated the adult patient has been in quarantine since arriving back in Indianapolis and that the risk to the general public is low.

"The CDC will work to identify and notify air travelers who were on the individual's flight from Boston and

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Provided photo

Addison Agen is set to perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the newly-reopened Eagles Theatre, 106 W. Market St. Theatre doors will open at approximately 6:30 p.m.

# Fort Wayne native Addison Agen to perform at Eagles Theatre

## First runner-up on Season 13 of 'The Voice' to take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Saturday

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Americana singer and songwriter Addison Agen hails from Fort Wayne and her "jaw-dropping" vocals helped her place as first-runner up on Season 13 of NBC's "The Voice."

Now, she is set to perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the newly-reopened Eagles Theatre, 106 W. Market St. Theatre doors will open at approximately 6:30 p.m.

"Agen's honest storytelling and simplicity earned her an opening slot with Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band as well as Kevin Bacon's The Bacon Brothers in 2019. Agen is scheduled to bring her singer/songwriter talents to Eagles Theatre as part of the opening lineup following a two-year renovation project giving the historic venue new life," stated Morgan Ellis, public relations and marketing coordinator for the Honeywell Center.

Agen plans to perform hits from her time on "The Voice," new, original music, and a few other personal favorites. All tickets are \$25 and are available for purchase via [EaglesTheatre.com/Addison-Agen](http://EaglesTheatre.com/Addison-Agen) or by calling the Honeywell Foundation Box Office at 260-563-1102.

"The Eagles renovation was first and foremost about our community and giving our region a unique, special place to entertain and be entertained. We could think of no better way to honor that sense of regional pride than with someone who's actually from our region," stated Tod Minnich, CEO of the Honeywell Foundation. "Addison Agen fans can come to see her up close and personal – it's going to be an amazing show in an amazing venue."

In a recent phone interview, Agen took the time to discuss her small screen debut, how she developed her

interest in music and recording her first album.

## Beginnings

Both of Agen's parents are musicians. Her mom is a music therapist and a worship leader. Her dad owned a record store for a long time.

"So music was always in the family. Always around. I thought it was odd that other families didn't sing their prayers before lunch or dinner or anything like that," she said. "I started playing piano when I was like 4 and playing guitar when I was 5 and songwriting kind of along with guitar."

## 'The Voice'

Agen was home-schooled until eighth grade but then she went to a Lutheran school in Fort Wayne.

It was one of her teachers there who helped her score an audition for "The Voice" without Agen's knowledge.

Agen's Spanish teacher was a fan of television game shows. (The teacher's grandmother was on "Family Feud.") The teacher saw

that "The Voice" was coming to Chicago to do some auditions.

"She signed me up without asking and then the next day emailed my mom and was like 'Hey, I heard your daughter sing the "National Anthem" the other day and I had to sign her up.' It was the last spot in the big auditions in Chicago," said Agen. "Two days later we drove to Chicago and I auditioned. But that was one of many auditions before the blind audition. It was not on my radar at all. Not what I was expecting to ever do, but just kind of jumped on into it."

Agen said the format of the show involves the celebrity judges sitting in chairs facing away from the stage. As the singer performs, the judges have the option of turning around if they like what they hear.

"If only one person turns around you're on their team automatically. But if all four or however many turns around you get to choose

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# WPD to increase patrols in March

## Officers will be working overtime as part of the statewide enforcement

### STAFF REPORT

Wabash Police Department (WPD) officers are participating in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign during March, according to Capt. Matt Benson, WPD public infor-

mation officer.

"With St. Patrick's Day around the corner and the NCAA tournaments we urge everyone to not drink and drive," stated Benson. "WPD officers will be working overtime as part of the statewide enforce-

ment, which is funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute."

A few tips to prevent impaired driving this March include:

- Before the party begins, plan a safe way home.
- Never drive impaired.
- Buzzed driving is drunk driving.
- If you drink use pub-

lic transportation such as a ride-sharing service.

■ Call a sober friend or family member.

■ If you see a drunk driver on the road call 911.

■ If you see someone about to drive who is impaired, take their keys and help them get home safely.

"It's simple: If you plan on drinking, don't drive" stated WPD Officer Aaron Snover.

## Grant opportunity provided for specialty crop growers

### Applications are due by March 22

#### STAFF REPORT

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture is currently accepting proposals for the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, according to a press release.

These funds are allocated to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops, which are defined as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, horticulture and nursery crops.

The Specialty Crop Block Grant program offers federal funding to the state departments of agriculture to support the specialty crop industry.

The allocation amount for Indiana is unknown at this time.

Applicants can include producer groups, trade associations, nonprofits, colleges and universities. Grants should focus on improving marketing, trainings, food safety, pest control and plant health.

Organizations interested in this funding opportunity must apply through the Indiana State Department of Agriculture.

Funding will not be awarded to projects that benefit a particular commercial product, or provide a profit to a single organization, institution or individual.

Each project must identify at least one expected measurable outcome that specifically demonstrates the project's impact on enhancing the competitiveness of eligible specialty crops.

And, must be in one of the following funding priorities:

■ Funding Area I: Market Enhancement

■ Funding Area II: Access, Education, and Training

■ Funding Area III: Research

Applications are due by March 22 and proposals must be submitted online through the Indiana State Department of Agriculture's Grants Management System.

For more information, visit [www.isda.in.gov](http://www.isda.in.gov).

For a full list of eligible specialty crops, visit <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgrp/specialty-crop>.



# U.S. sending military police to two border crossings

By **ASTRID GALVAN**  
Associated Press

PHOENIX — The U.S. government says it is sending 160 military police and engineers to two official border crossings to deal with asylum seekers in case a federal appeals court strikes down one of the Trump administration’s key policies. Senior Customs and Border Protection officials said Friday that active duty personnel will be in place by Saturday at ports of entry in El Paso and San Diego, where a large caravan attempted to cross the border in 2018, resulting in chaos and the closure of the San Ysidro port, the nation’s busiest land crossing. Officials say 80 service members will be sent to that port and another 80 to the El Paso one. The deployment is in response to a crowd of asylum-seekers that gathered at an El Paso crossing last Friday after the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals temporarily struck down the program known as “Remain in Mexico,” which forces asylum seekers to stay in Mexico while their cases

wind through court in the U.S. Officials shut down that border crossing for several hours that evening before the court reversed itself. On Wednesday, the court again made a decision on the case, this time blocking the program in Arizona and California, the two border states under its authority. About 60,000 asylum-seekers have been returned to Mexico while awaiting their immigration hearings in the U.S. It’s unclear why the government is sending military police to El Paso, which isn’t subject to the current injunction blocking the program. When asked about that, a senior official said military members can be moved to different ports of entry in response to shifting needs. Critics call the program inhumane and dangerous, forcing vulnerable people to wait in high-crime Mexican border cities where they are often subjected to violence, extortion and kidnapping. But “Remain in Mexico,” which the government calls the Migrant Protection Protocols, has been one of the most successful tools in the

administration’s battle to stem the large number of asylum seekers looking for refuge in the U.S. The Trump administration is asking the U.S. Supreme Court, which has consistently ruled in the administration’s favor on immigration policies, to intervene and wants the policy to stay in effect until next week to give the high court time to decide. In the meantime, authorities say they’re preparing for more large groups of asylum seekers in case the appeals court strikes down the policy. Seeking asylum at ports of entry is legal, but the government has gone to great lengths to prevent migrants from doing so, including a “metering” policy that requires asylum-seekers to wait on an unofficial list for months before they are even allowed to walk up to a U.S. agent and seek protection. CBP officials who provided the information on Friday gave few details about what exactly the military police will be doing, but did say military police won’t be conducting immigration enforcement.

## HEALTH

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had close contact with the patient,” stated Box. The patient will remain in isolation for 14 days and will not be released until specimens taken two consecutive days at the end of that period test negative for COVID-19. No additional information about the patient will be released due to privacy laws. “The state health department has been preparing for weeks to ensure that we have the resources and systems in place to limit or prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Indiana,” stated Box. “Given the global spread of this illness, the question was never if Indiana would have a case, but when it would arrive. I want to stress that this is an isolated case and that this patient and the hospital did everything possible to limit the risk of exposure to other individuals. Because of those steps, the risk of additional exposure and community transmission is low, but we are taking every precaution to prevent new infections related to this patient.”

### Testing

In response to a Plain Dealer request, Tami Brigle, public relations manager for Parkview Health, stated they do not have test kits for COVID-19. “At this time, the ISDH has the test kits for this disease and handles all testing for the state. Patients must meet the ISDH requirements to be tested, but they are not charged,” stated Brigle. Brigle stated they are currently coordinating with other local agencies to respond to potential local cases. “Parkview is working closely with the Allen County Department of Health, Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) and other agencies to prepare for potential COVID-19 exposure and respond appropriately,” stated Brigle. “Parkview’s clinical teams have been educated and trained to initiate additional screenings and precautions, as needed.”

In response to a Plain Dealer request, Jeni O’Malley, ISDH chief communications officer, stated they have hosted multiple webinars for healthcare providers and posted CDC guidance on their website. “The ISDH tests individuals in accordance with the CDC testing guidelines. CDC has issued criteria for when testing is appropriate. ISDH does not charge patients for these tests but cannot speak to your other questions,” stated O’Malley. According to the CDC, no vaccine or specific treatment for COVID-19 is available and care is supportive. “As availability of diagnostic testing for COVID-19 increases, clinicians will be able to access labora-

tory tests for diagnosing COVID-19 through clinical laboratories performing tests authorized by FDA under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). Clinicians will also be able to access laboratory testing through public health laboratories in their jurisdictions,” stated the CDC. “This expands testing to a wider group of symptomatic patients. Clinicians should use their judgment to determine if a patient has signs and symptoms compatible with COVID-19 and whether the patient should be tested. Decisions on which patients receive testing should be based on the local epidemiology of COVID-19, as well as the clinical course of illness. Most patients with confirmed COVID-19 have developed fever and/or symptoms of acute respiratory illness (e.g., cough, difficulty breathing). Clinicians are strongly encouraged to test for other causes of respiratory illness, including infections such as influenza. Epidemiologic factors that may help guide decisions on whether to test include: any persons, including healthcare workers, who have had close contact with a laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 patient within 14 days of symptom onset or a history of travel from affected geographic areas within 14 days of symptom onset.”

### Walorski responds






Second District Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Indiana, issued a statement following Friday’s announcement. “The first case of coronavirus in Indiana is something our public health authorities have been preparing for, and I’m confident they are doing everything possible to keep Hoosiers healthy and safe. Fortunately, because the patient and health care providers did everything right, the health risk in our communities remains low. I have been in contact with numerous state and local officials and will continue working to ensure they have the resources and information they need to fight coronavirus,” she stated. “I encourage all Hoosiers to continue taking simple but important precautions: avoid your hands frequently, wash

touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, and stay home if you are sick.” **Transmission** Human coronaviruses most commonly spread from an infected person to others through: ■ Respiratory droplets released into the air by coughing and sneezing; ■ Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands; ■ Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands; and ■ Rarely, fecal contamination.

### Protection





The best way to protect yourself from any respiratory illness, including the flu, is to: ■ Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. ■ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. ■ Avoid close contact with people who are sick. ■ Stay home when you are sick. ■ Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. ■ Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. The CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19. You should only wear a mask if a healthcare professional recommends it. A facemask should be used by people who have COVID-19 and are showing symptoms to protect others from the risk of infection. “This is an ongoing situation and is evolving rapidly,” stated Sanderson. ISDH will provide updates as new information becomes available. For more information, visit <https://on.in.gov/COVID19> or <http://www.in.gov/isdh/>. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at [rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com).

### 5-Day Weather Summary

 <b>Saturday</b> Sunny 49 / 36	 <b>Sunday</b> Partly Cloudy 60 / 47	 <b>Monday</b> Rain Likely 55 / 46	 <b>Tuesday</b> Rain Likely 48 / 37	 <b>Wednesday</b> Scattered Rain 51 / 38
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#### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 6:46 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 8:10 a.m.

 Full 3/9	 Last 3/16	 New 3/24	 First 4/1
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#### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 49°, humidity of 39%. South wind 2 to 13 mph. Expect clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 36°. South wind 9 to 13 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 29°. Sunday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high of 60°, humidity of 43%.

# Reader belatedly grieves dead father

**DEAR HARRIETTE:** My father passed away when I was 14 years old. Many think that it was traumatic, and it was, but I never had a great relationship with my father, so I hid my grief. My dad was negligent and abusive to me. There was never a day when he and I didn’t fight. He never fed me, bought me new clothes or took me to my dance rehearsals. My father also didn’t leave behind a will, so I did not inherit any money from him. So in short, I never had a close or loving relationship with my father. However, recently I have been having pains in my chest. It is hard for me to say, but I miss my father. Even though he did so many horrible things to my mother and me, I still miss him. Is it normal to feel this way? – Daddy Issues

**Harriette Cole**  
Sense & Sensitivity



**DEAR DADDY ISSUES:** Grief presents itself at different times in people’s lives, often in a delayed manner – especially for people who had unresolved issues with loved ones before they died. It is normal for you to have conflicting feelings rising up about your dad. Yes, it makes sense that you could miss your father and experience deep love for him even though he hurt your feelings. He was your dad. Talk to your mother about what’s happening to you. Since you are having physical pains associated with your emotions, it might be worth it for you to talk to a grief counselor. Perhaps your mother can arrange for this through your insurance, or you can speak to a guidance counselor at school to find out if you can get support through them during this time. **DEAR HARRIETTE:** My husband has an old college friend who has come back into the picture. She is very nice, but I also find her a

bit clingy. She is single, and she is constantly asking him to fix her up on dates. My husband is in his 60s, and we’ve been married for many years. He is hardly on the dating scene. Sometimes I wonder if she is trying to steal his attention. She makes me uncomfortable. At the same time, my husband seems to be happy checking in on her from time to time. They go out for drinks and have gone to a museum. I went with them once, but it wasn’t fun for me. What can I do to ensure that this woman doesn’t try to muscle in on my man? – Jealous **DEAR JEALOUS:** There’s a saying about keeping your enemies close. While she may not really be an enemy, she is a lonely woman.

Rather than encouraging or even condoning drinks with her, invite her to join you guys at home for dinner and drinks. Create comfortable opportunities for all three of you to be together. You can get to know her. You can welcome her into your home and make it clear what your life is like while also creating space for your husband to enjoy time with his old friend without too much space for her to make a move, if she is so inclined. *Harriette Cole is a lifestyleist and founder of DREAMLEAPERS, an initiative to help people access and activate their dreams. You can send questions to askharriette@harriettecole.com or c/o Andrews McMeel Syndication, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.*

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**Cash 5**  
08-13-26-31-39  
Estimated jackpot: \$105,000  
**Cash4Life**  
02-22-32-45-59, Cash Ball: 3  
**Daily Three-Midday**  
9-3-4, SB: 6  
**Daily Three-Evening**  
0-9-1, SB: 8  
**Daily Four-Midday**  
7-5-8-1, SB: 6  
**Daily Four-Evening**  
7-0-7-3, SB: 8  
**Mega Millions**  
Estimated jackpot: \$70 million  
**Powerball**  
Estimated jackpot: \$100 million

### FRIDAY'S METALS

Aluminum......78  
Copper.....2.58  
Lead......86  
Zinc......89  
Gold.....1,673.38  
Silver.....173.30  
Platinum.....897.44

### AREA GRAIN

Estimated grain prices Friday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: \$4.00. Soybeans: \$8.86.

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### Roxy 5 Showtimes for Friday, March 6- Thursday, March 12

All showtimes have Closed Captioning available.

<b>Onward in 2D (PG)</b> Fri: 6:50 Sat- Sun: 1:35, 6:50 Mon- Thurs: 6:50	<b>Impractical Jokers: The Movie (PG13)</b> Fri: 7:00 Sat: 1:45, 7:00 Sun: 1:45, 7:00 Mon: 7:00 Wed: 7:00	<b>The Call of the Wild (PG)</b> Fri: 6:20, 9:25 Sat: 1:10, 4:10, 6:20, 9:25 Sun: 1:10, 4:10, 6:20, 9:25 Mon- Thurs: 6:20
<b>Onward in RealD 3D (PG)</b> Fri: 8:45 Sat: 3:50, 8:45 Sun: 3:50	<b>Fantasy Island (PG13)</b> Fri: 9:35 Sat: 4:20, 9:35 Sun: 4:20 Tues: 7:00 Thurs: 7:00	<b>Sonic the Hedgehog (PG)</b> Fri: 6:40, 9:05 Sat: 1:10, 4:00, 6:40, 9:05 Sun: 1:20, 4:00, 6:40 Mon- Thurs: 6:40
<b>The Invisible Man (R)</b> Fri: 6:30, 9:15 Sat: 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:15 Sun: 1:00, 3:45, 6:30 Mon- Thurs: 6:30		

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# Community

## Wabash Musicale holds monthly meeting

STAFF REPORT

Wabash Musicale met Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020, at the Presbyterian Church in Wabash with 21 members and one guest present, according to a press release. President Carolyn Eppley welcomed the ladies and turned the meeting over to chairperson Luvernia Wilson. To begin the program, Barb Biehl on the clarinet and Sarah See on the flute played “God Bless the USA,” the signature song of Lee Greenwood. They were accompanied by Carolyn Eppley. Sue Gray sang “Beyond the Sea,” with music by

Charles Trenet and words by Jack Lawrence. Eileen Dye accompanied. Dye stayed at the piano to play “Rialto Ripples” by George Gershwin. The clarinet duo of Barb and Sarah next played “Battle Hymn of the Republic,” with words by Julia Ward Howe and arranged by Keith Snell. Eppley accompanied. Sue Gray and Eileen Dye followed with “Beyond the Sea” from the Disney film “The Little Mermaid,” composed by Alan Menken with lyrics by Howard Ashman. They were accompanied by Emily France. Dye played “Preludium” by Edward Alexander MacDowell. Biehl and See on

their clarinets performed “Crown Him with Many Crowns” accompanied by Carolyn. The song’s tune was by Sir George Job Elvey and it was arranged by Brian Davis. Sue Gray sang in Spanish a song from the Methodist hymnal “Tu has Venido a la Orilla,” accompanied by Dye. The program ended with the Musicale members singing “Let There Be Peace on Earth,” featuring Sarah See on the flute, Dye on the piano and Sue Gray directing. A short business meeting followed. Hostesses were Peggy Coppler, Eileen Dye, Kathie Grandstaff and Sue Gray.

## Wabash County Genealogical Society to meet

Presentation set for 6 p.m. Monday, March 16

STAFF REPORT

The speaker for the next meeting of the Wabash County Genealogical Soci-

ety will be Allison Singleton from the Allen County Library’s Genealogy Center, according to a press release. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. Monday, March 16 at the Wellbrooke of Wabash, 20 John Kissinger Drive. The topic of the presentation will be “Out of the Box Questions and the Method-

ology of Answering Them.” “This program will entertain and enlighten, as its focus is on the family history questions the Genealogy Center receives, and the research the librarians do to prepare their answers,” stated the release. Meetings are always open to the public.

## Economic toll of virus sinks in, duration remains an unknown

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Dow over the past five days: up 1,293, down 786, up 1,173, down 967. The Dow tumbled 800 points at the opening bell Friday. The VIX, an index known as Wall Street’s fear barometer, is hovering at levels not seen since banks began to fall during the financial crisis. The uncertainty and potential economic damage from the coronavirus deepened this week. Sectors that cater to almost any public activity ... movie theaters, business conference organizers, hotels, airlines and amusement parks have lost billions as stockholders flee to investments they perceive as safer, like U.S. Treasury notes, which now payout close to nothing. Following is a brief look at how things are changing in the economy and the workplace today as the outbreak widens.

Headwinds

Germany’s biggest airline, Lufthansa, says it will cut up to 50 percent of its flights in the next few weeks, depending on how the virus outbreak develops. It said it had seen a drastic drop in reservations, with all regions now affected. Lufthansa, which also owns Swiss airlines and several smaller regional European carriers, operates over 83,000 flights a month. The airline earlier announced plans to cancel all flights to and from Israel for three weeks after Israeli authorities announced tough restrictions on travelers from several countries. The airline industry is among the hardest hit since the outbreak, forcing carriers to reassess their near-term financial expectations. An industry group said the spreading coronavirus could cost airlines as much as \$113 billion in lost revenue. That figure, released Thursday, is four times the number released just two weeks ago by the The International Air Transport Association, which is imploring governments for assistance. Declining reservations have rippled outward to commercial aerospace companies. “The impact on airline profitability appears to be worsening by the day,

and the spread of the virus and the impact on air travel has rapidly exceeded expectations of just a few days and weeks ago,” wrote Ken Herbert, an industry analyst with Canaccord Genuity.

Shipwreck

Passengers on a cruise ship off the California coast were instructed to stay in their cabins as they awaited test results Friday that could show whether the coronavirus is circulating among the more than 3,500 people aboard. Test kits were lowered onto the Grand Princess by rope from a military helicopter and they’ve been sent for analysis at a lab with the ship moored at sea just off of San Francisco, where it has been ordered to remain. Princess Cruises said 45 people were selected for testing. The cruise industry has been devastated after a different ship, the Diamond Princess, was quarantined for two weeks off the coast of Yokohama, Japan. Much of the ordeal was witnessed live with those aboard in masks doing interviews. Of the 3,700 aboard, hundreds of people were infected and several died.

The macro view

Citing the outbreak Friday, Moody’s lowered its baseline growth forecasts for G20 economies to 2.1 percent, from 2.4 percent. It lowered its U.S. growth forecast for 2020 to 1.5 percent, from 1.7 percent and dialed back growth expectations in China as well. Moody’s said more downgrades are possible.

“Several plausible developments could lead to a far more negative scenario than our baseline forecast,” said Moody’s Vice President Madhavi Bokil. “A sustained pullback in consumption, coupled with extended closures of businesses, would hurt earnings, drive layoffs and weigh on sentiment. Such conditions could ultimately feed self-sustaining recessionary dynamics.” Citi believes that central banks worldwide need to counter growing market uncertainty. “The optimal policy response to the reduction in demand due to the virus outbreak is likely to be fiscal action,” said Pernille Henneberg in a note to clients. However, on Tuesday, the U.S. Federal Reserve in a surprise move cut its benchmark interest rate by a sizable half-percentage point in an effort to support the economy. Shares rallied, but only briefly, then the Dow plunged 3 percent. The White House on Friday said its considering federal support for industries absorbing the brunt of the fallout. Larry Kudlow, director of the president’s National Economic Council, told reporters that the administration is not looking at a massive federal relief plan, but rather a “timely and targeted and micro.” Markets slid further after his comments. President Donald Trump signed an \$8.3 billion measure Friday to help tackle the coronavirus outbreak, but Kudlow said that money was directed at the public health system.

## ‘It’s all history now’

Gene Stratton-Porter, who was born in the Hopewell neighborhood northeast of Lagro, is becoming increasingly recognized as a pioneering naturalist and environmentalist. As such, she is the subject

Pete Jones



of a major article in the March issue of Smithsonian, one of America’s few remaining general interest magazines. Born Geneva Stratton in 1863, she was the author of books that sold millions of copies, and her name was all but a household word in the early 20th century. “As famous in the early 1900s as J.K. Rowling is now, Stratton-Porter published 26 books: novels, nature studies, poetry collections and children’s books,” notes Kathryn Aalto, who wrote the magazine piece. In 1886, after attending Wabash High School, she married Charles Darwin Porter, a well-to-do businessman from the Decatur area. The couple took up residence on the edge of the Lamberlost Swamp in eastern Indiana, and it was there Gene’s interest in both writing and the serious study of nature began to blossom. The gift of a camera in 1895 kindled Stratton-Porter’s interest in photograph-

ing wildlife and plants, according to the article. She created a makeshift darkroom in a bathroom where she developed and printed amazing pictures of the natural world around her. By 1919 Stratton-Porter was in California, writing and making movies based upon some of her most successful novels. She died in an automobile accident in Los Angeles in 1924 at the age of 61. “Today, a piece of the old Lamberlost survives in the Loblolly Marsh Nature Preserve ...,” Kathryn Aalto writes. “It’s not obvious to the naked eye, but life here is imitating art imitating life,” says Aalto. “The artist was Gene Stratton-Porter, an intrepid naturalist, novelist, photographer and movie producer who described and dramatized the Lamberlost ... and so, even a century after her death, served as a catalyst for saving a portion of it.” Women at the old gym The old Community Gymnasium, a portion of which was built on the side of the hill at the intersection of Main and Huntington Streets, was very much a part of our town’s athletic and social life for many years. But the gym fell on hard times shortly after World War I and it apparently shut down for several months before a dedicated group of citizens brought it back

to life. In 1920, a new board of directors took over the operation of the Wabash Gymnasium Association facility, and a group of Wabash women became active members of the gym. Some had complained that they had not been included in events at the gym, and now they were asserting themselves. The new directors announced that each Monday the gym would be open only to women. These women formed a new association of their own and elected two forceful members of their group as president and vice president. Miss Letha Urschel was president, and Mrs. Mark C. Honeywell was vice president. Letha Urschel would soon marry John V. Beam-er, who would eventually represent our Congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives. Mrs. Honeywell was the former Olive Lutz. After her death, Mr. Honeywell married Eugenia Hubbard Nixon. The gymnasium shut its doors in the late 1930s when state officials condemned it because of its deteriorating condition. Pete Jones writes a weekly column on local history for the Wabash Plain Dealer. He writes about people, places and events in and around Wabash County. Contact him by mail at 1160 Sunset Drive, Wabash, IN 46992 or by email at peteinwabash@comcast.net.

## WEEKLY EVENTS

GriefShare support group meets Wednesdays

GriefShare grief recovery support group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the Congregational Christian Church, 310 N. Walnut St., North Manchester. Participant workbooks can be purchased for \$15. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, call 260-982-2882.

AYC opens weekly after school program at a second location

Access Youth Center (AYC) has recently expanded to a second south side location for a weekly after school program. Food, games, homework help are available 5 to 6 p.m. Mondays at the main entrance of New Journey Church, formerly WC Mills School, 1721 N. Vernon St. It is a free program for students ages 8 to 18. Parents and guardians are also welcome.

Line Dance scheduled each Wednesday

Led by Sherry Wakefield at 8:45 a.m. every Wednesday, at Living Well Win-

chester Center, 239 Bond St. Dancing that is both fun and free. No fee, no registration, just fun.

Low Impact Fitness classes scheduled

Fitness that is both fun and free led by Mary Jo McClelland at 9:45 a.m. every Monday and Thursday, and 3 p.m. Wednesdays at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. There is no fee or registration required.

Cancer care advocate available every Tuesday

A cancer care advocate is available from 1 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the Winchester Senior Center, 239 Bond St. No appointment is needed. This service is supported by the Hope Foundation and provided by Cancer Services out of Fort Wayne.

Yoga classes scheduled on Tuesdays

Yoga for those who are intermediate to experienced levels have been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Living

Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. The cost is \$10, and discount passes are available.

DivorceCare to meet every Tuesday

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to a press release. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Room 112 in the Wabash Friends Church, 3563 South State Road 13. Group leader and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St. on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658 or group leader Janet Quillen at 260-571-5235; email office@wabashfriends.org; or visit www.divorcecare.org. Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplainedealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.



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### PULSE

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Club has planned a semi-annual Tenderloin Day from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7 at the Richvalley Community Center, 56 Mill St. Hand-breaded tenderloins, baked potato, applesauce, baked beans, pickles, bread and butter will be served. The cost is \$9 each and children ages 10 to 12 will be \$5. Carry-outs will be available, and it will be all-you-can-eat for dine-in only.

### Beginner's one-day stained-glass class scheduled

A beginner's one-day stained-glass class instructed by local stained glass artist Katy Gray will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at Salamonie Interpretive and Nature Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The cost is \$25 per participant. A red-tailed hawk feather sun catcher will be made. All materials will be supplied. Call 260-468-2127 for registration or questions.

### 'Thinking Big about Smaller Spaces' program set

The North Manchester Historical Society (NMHS) will be hosting Chuck Fluharty the founder, president and CEO of the Rural Policy Research Institution (RUPRI) at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 9 in the assembly room of Timbercrest Senior Living Center, 2201 East St. There will be no charge for attendance.

### Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to meet

The Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10 at the Grandstaff Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. In honor of Women's History Month, the speaker will be Rosemarie Felts sharing her story as a German immigrant and the old German School. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org) or call Linda Thompson at 260-563-4661 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

### Woman's Clubhouse to host March luncheon

The Woman's Clubhouse will welcome Teresa Rody, interpretive manager from the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, with a program featuring live raptors, after the noon luncheon Tuesday, March 10. Reynold's Oil is sponsoring the live bird program. Make your reservations by calling Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331, or Mary Delauter, 260-563-6613 for the lunch and program or just the program.

### Wabash County students set to compete at regional pitch competition

The Innovate WithIN Regional Pitch Competition for Region 8 will take place Wednesday, March 11 at Sweetwater Sound in Fort Wayne. The first-place winner of the regional competition will receive a cash prize and will earn a spot in the Innovate WithIN State Competition on Wednesday, April 8.

### Create glass-on-glass framed mosaic image inspired by nature

The multi-day classes instructed by local stained glass artist Katy Gray will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 11; Friday, March 13; Monday, March 16; and Tuesday, March 17, at Salamonie Interpretive and Nature Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Participants should plan to attend each meeting. The cost is \$60 per person. Each participant will choose one: either a bee, red-tailed hawk or box turtle for their project. All materials will be supplied. Call 260-468-2127 for registration or questions.

### Salute to Ag Dinner to honor 2019 Farm Family of the Year

Grow Wabash County and the Salute to Ag committee have announced that Steve Flack and his family have been selected as the 2019 Farm Family of the Year. They will be recognized for their contributions to the Wabash County agriculture industry during Grow Wabash County's annual Salute to Ag Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at the Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave. Tickets are \$20 each and sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$100 up to \$2,500. Registration may be completed by visiting [growwabashcounty.com/events](http://growwabashcounty.com/events), by emailing [info@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:info@growwabashcounty.com) or calling 260-563-5258.

### Film festival concludes March 12 at Manchester

Manchester University will present "Kinshasa Makambo" at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12 in the Cordier Auditorium. The film is free and open to the public. The showing is part of the Tournees Film Festival, a series of six films by francophone directors.

### Laketon American Legion Auxiliary Unit 402 plans dinner

The Laketon American Legion Auxiliary Unit 402 has planned a dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 13 at the Bluebird Cafe, 15 N. Main St., Laketon. The menu will include a choice of fish, shrimp, beef and noodles, meatloaf, potatoes, salad and drink. The cost is \$8. Pie is \$2. Carry-outs will be available. For more information, call Thelma Butler at 260-438-0341.

### Komets game to celebrate Wabash County March 13

Wabash County will be the MVP during the third annual Wabash County Night at the Fort Wayne Komets game at 8:05 p.m. Friday, March 13 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. While supplies last, tickets can be bought for \$15 per ticket at <https://groupmatics.events/event/Wabashcommunity3> or by emailing Mitch Meinholz at [mitch@komets.com](mailto:mitch@komets.com) or by calling 260-482-6812.

### 'Can we talk?' event planned for March 14

The show "Can we talk?" is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. The event is free to the public. A freewill donation will go toward Heifer International. For more information about the event, call 260-982-7523 or visit [www.manchestercob.net](http://www.manchestercob.net).

### Intermediate two-day stained-glass scheduled

A two-day intermediate class instructed by local stained-glass artist Katy Gray will be held from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14 and Sunday, March 15 at Salamonie Interpretive and Nature Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. All participants of this class must have had recent, prior stained glass cutting and smoothing experience. The cost is \$40. The project will be a bee on a coneflower. Call 260-468-2127 for registration or questions.

### St. Trolley's Day Tour on sale

Visit Wabash County has announced that tickets for the St. Trolley's Day Tour happening on March 14 are available for purchase. Tour times offered are 6, 6:30 or 7 p.m. and will last about two hours. The St. Trolley's Day Tour is \$25 per person and all-inclusive. To register for this tour, visit [www.VisitWabashCounty.com](http://www.VisitWabashCounty.com) and click on Tours/Trolley Rental. You may also stop in the Welcome Center at 221 S. Miami St., or call 260-563-7171. Tickets are \$25 per person and is due upon registration. You must be 21 or older to participate in this tour.

### Wabash Kiwanis Club's Pancake Day returns in March

The Wabash Kiwanis Club will host its annual Pancake Day fundraiser, the service organization's biggest annual fundraiser, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Bob Elrod Exhibit Hall, located just off of Gillen Avenue at the Wabash County 4-H Fairgrounds. The event's Pancake Eating Contest will return and will start at noon. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door for adults (13 and older) and \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and younger eat for free. Tickets are available from Wabash Kiwanis members. Those who have questions can contact Mike Keaffaber at [keaf@msdwc.k12.in.us](mailto:keaf@msdwc.k12.in.us).

### Adult mental Health First Aid training planned

Purdue Extension will offer Adult Mental Health First Aid training from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 at the Wabash REMC Community Room, 350 Wedcor Ave. The Mental Health First Aid program is open to any adult. For more information, visit [www.extension.purdue.edu/mhfa](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/mhfa) or contact Mindy Mayes by email at [mayes7@purdue.edu](mailto:mayes7@purdue.edu) or by phone at 260-663-0661 ext. 1408.

### Farmers market season set to begin

Applications are open to potential vendors. Vendors are accepted for a full season, half-season and one-time rates. An informational call-out meeting will occur at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18 inside Chapman's Taproom, 233 S. Miami St. Downtown Wabash Farmers Market opens from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16 in the Honeywell Center/Wabash Elk's Parking Lot. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. If you are interested in becoming a vendor or volunteering at the event, call 260-563-0975 or visit [www.wabashmarketplace.org](http://www.wabashmarketplace.org).

### NMCH to host Smithsonian traveling exhibit

The North Manchester Cen-

ter for History will be hosting the Smithsonian's traveling exhibit, "Crossroads: Change in Rural America" from March 21 to May 3.

### Tour and visit St. Bernard Elementary School during March

Tour and visit St. Bernard Elementary School from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. any Monday or Wednesday during March at 191 N. Cass St. The school is enrolling grades pre-kindergarten through sixth grades. For more information call Pam Dyer at 260-563-5746.

### Manchester invites high school students to submit compositions

The Manchester University Department of Music seeks high school composers for its first Composition Workshop and Reading Session on Wednesday, April 8. They are invited to submit original compositions to be performed and recorded by Manchester University faculty musicians. The deadline is March 23. Send submissions to Reed at [rmreed@manchester.edu](mailto:rmreed@manchester.edu). Submissions should include a score (PDF or Finale file); contact information with name, phone number and mailing address; and name of high school currently attending. There is no fee to submit. Selected composers will be contacted with details about the evening event via email.

### Celebrate Ivy Tech at Monopoly Night

Ivy Tech Community College is hosting its 11th annual Wabash Monopoly Night from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 24 in the Parkview Health Ballroom of Eagles Theatre, 106 W. Market St. This event is open to the community. Guests must RSVP by April 15 to Laura Leichty by email at [lleichty@ivytech.edu](mailto:lleichty@ivytech.edu) or by phone 260-481-2243.

### Comedian Michael Palascak to perform at Lagro benefit event

"Dia de Lagro" will take place Tuesday, May 5 at the Eads Barn, 4725 E. 200 North, Urbana. Appetizers, cocktails, singer Kimberly Rutledge and Emcee Reed Christiansen are set to begin at 5:30 p.m. A Mexican-themed dinner, catered by Gallery 64, will begin at 6 p.m. with comedian Michael Palascak taking the stage at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$75 each, \$125 per couple or \$500 for a table of eight. For more information, visit [lagrocanalfoundation.com](http://lagrocanalfoundation.com). Those interested in donating prizes for the silent auction or would like to become a main sponsor may email [lagrocanalfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:lagrocanalfoundation@gmail.com).

### Manchester University to honor Steve Ford at 2020 Commencement

Manchester University will honor Steve Ford, president and chief executive officer of the Ford Meter Box, on Saturday, May 16, at both the morning and afternoon commencement exercises.

### WCPL plans summer reading, 'Bash Con

'Bash Con is set to last from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, June 26 at 188 W. Hill St. 'Bash Con's theme for this year is "Imagine Your Story" and free booth space is available for artists and vendors. Amateur artists are encouraged and welcomed. To register, visit <https://www.wabash.lib.in.us/bash-con>. For more information, call 260-563-2972.

### Betty Jean Fish

Funeral services for Betty Jean Fish, 80, of North Manchester, Indiana, were 10:30 a.m., Friday, Mar. 6, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Pastor Wally Morris officiated. Susan Vanlandingham was the musician. Memories

shared by Betty's son Scott McCauley, and granddaughter Megan McCauley. Pallbearers were David McCauley-Myers, Scott McCauley, Isaac Ramey, Darl Clemons, and Brent Freyenberger. Burial was in Friends Cemetery, Wabash.

### Barnette C. 'Barney' Wolfrum

Memorial services for Barnette C. "Barney" Wolfrum, 87, of rural Wabash, Indiana, were 1 p.m., Friday, Mar. 6, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. David Phillips officiated, Ken Miller was the musician

and Rhonda Dubuque was the vocalist. Burial was in Friends Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were Barney's grandchildren: Cory Rogers, Chris Rogers, Chelsea Rogers, Nate Marsh and Devin Marsh.

## Ex-Indiana police officer justified in black man's killing

SOUTH BEND (AP) — A special prosecutor announced Friday that a white former South Bend police officer was justified in the fatal shooting of an African American man last summer and that he won't be charged in the killing that roiled then-Mayor Pete Buttigieg's presidential campaign.

Special prosecutor Ric Hertel was appointed to lead an investigation into Sgt. Ryan O'Neill's fatal June 16 shooting of 54-year-old Eric Logan, who O'Neill said had refused his orders to drop a knife while the officer was investigating a report of a person breaking into cars.

Hertel said during a news conference that evidence showed Logan approached O'Neill with a knife and the officer feared for his safety when he fired two shots, one of which struck Logan in the upper abdomen.

"The use of deadly force by Sgt. O'Neill was justified based upon the threat and imminent danger presented by the sharp-edged knife in the right hand of Mr. Logan," according to a report released Friday by Hertel.

He said that O'Neill, who resigned from the South Bend Police Department in July, had an abrasion on his left forearm from the knife.

The shooting wasn't captured on video because O'Neill's dash and body cameras weren't activated, but Hertel said that the evidence showed that the officer had feared for his life.

"O'Neill must have had a subjective belief that he was going to sustain serious bodily injury," he said during a news conference that was repeatedly interrupted by people shouting.

At one point a woman was removed from the room after shouting expletives and accusing authorities of lying about their findings.

"The only thing that's clear is you were hired to stand up here and tell us lies," one person shouted.

Logan's family sued in federal court accusing O'Neill of using excessive

deadly force. The lawsuit also names the city of South Bend as a defendant.

While O'Neill won't be charged in the shooting, Hertel said the former officer has been charged with public indecency and misconduct for soliciting a prostitute a month before the shooting.

He faces two felony charges — official misconduct and ghost employment — and a misdemeanor count of public indecency. O'Neill is accused of appearing "in a state of nudity" and fondling "his genitals or the genital of another person" on May 16, 2019. The ghost employment charge accuses O'Neill of accepting property for "duties not related" to the police department.

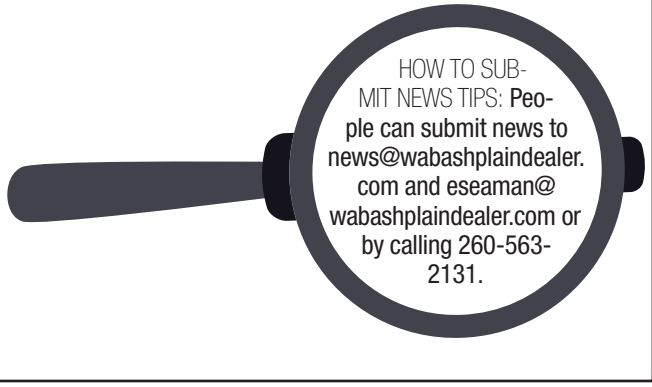
Hertel said that there were seven car break-ins late on June 15 and early on June 16 in a two-block radius of the area where Logan was fatally shot. He said the knife Logan was carrying had been taken from one of the cars. A purse and a wallet were also among the items found on the scene after the shooting, he said.

The fallout from Logan's fatal shooting presented Buttigieg with some of the toughest moments of the Democrat's White House campaign.

Buttigieg, who ended his presidential campaign on Sunday, stepped away from the campaign trail and faced angry residents at an emotional town hall in South Bend, a city of about 100,000 residents, a quarter of whom are black. He acknowledged that his administration had failed to recruit more minority police officers and utilize police body cameras.

The Associated Press left messages seeking comment from Brian Coffman, a Chicago-based lawyer for Logan's family.

Hertel was appointed to review the case in July after St. Joseph County Prosecutor Ken Cotter stepped aside, saying he wanted to "avoid any appearance of impropriety, conflict of interest or influence."



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John 14:27

## OUR TAKE

# Spring forward Sunday but be safe this week

Be careful this weekend. It will be shorter than most. Daylight Saving Time (DST) starts Sunday. At 2 a.m., everyone should set their clocks to 3 a.m. or risk being late for appointments. Losing an hour of sleep is always inconvenient, but the good news is that seasonal depression should be on the way out the door as we near the vernal equinox – also known as the first day of spring – when the amount of daylight and darkness are balanced, 12 hours of each. Although moods will inevitably improve, losing an hour of sleep has its consequences. Some researchers agree. A study published in the academic journal Current Biology says the DST transition in the spring significantly increases fatal car accidents in the week following the switch. According to the results, the risk of dying in a car accident fatal increased by 6 percent in the U.S. the week of DST. A federal government registry was used in the study, which looked at 732,835 fatal motor vehicle accidents from 1996 to 2017.

Fatigue combined with darker morning hours led to a 9 percent increase in risk before noon, according to the investigators. The time that didn't show any effect was between 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The University of Colorado Boulder also reported a 6 percent spike in fatal car accidents when studying DST effects. According to a study from American College of Cardiology, there is a 25 percent increase in the number of reported heart attacks the Monday after DST when compared to other Mondays. Interestingly, the same study found that there was a 21 percent decrease in the number of heart attacks reported when the clocks fall by in autumn. With these studies, it's important to remember that correlation doesn't equal causation. In other words, just because two things occur together doesn't mean it's a cause-and-affect relationship. These studies involve numerous variables, so there could be other forces affecting an outcome, like human error. If you end up losing an hour of sleep, March 9 is actually National Napping Day, so treat yourself to a nap.

While doctors suggest that adults should get 7-8 hours of sleep each night, even with the time adjustment, sleep experts say naps – even for adults – are good for your body. To get even better rest, the Better Sleep Council recommends: Eating two to three hours before bed so digestion doesn't interrupt your sleep schedule. Changing your mattress every seven years. Staying active during the day so you aren't tired and are ready for bed at night. Refraining from drinking caffeinated drinks after 4 p.m. if you plan to go to sleep by 10 p.m. Keeping your bedroom dark even though it's lighter outside after the change. Maintaining your normal nighttime routine regardless of the change. Keeping a cooler room temperature to encourage sleep. Sleep is very important. Make sure you take care of yourself and stay safe. While you're thinking of it, change the batteries in your fire alarm. It can save your life.



## A judicial rebuke for a heedless Congress?

With Elizabeth Warren trying to take her progressivism from the legislative branch to the presidency, the judicial branch has something pertinent to say. On Tuesday, while 14 states held Democratic primaries, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments concerning a possible constitutional defect in her signature legislative achievement. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau deserves voters' attention because it represents the distilled essence of progressive governance – agencies emancipated from accountability so that experts can work their will. Hence it suggests how a Warren administration would operate without constitutional inhibitions.

Created in 2010, the CFPB is empowered to "declare," with little legislative guidance, that certain business practices it dislikes are "abusive." Congress left this term undefined, so the CFPB can improvise criteria. Unlike most other entities Congress has created since 1789, the peculiarly sovereign CFPB is untethered from congressional control of its funding, which is "determined by the director," who simply requests money, up to \$663 million, from the Federal Reserve. The CFPB's 2012 budget estimate included \$130 million for – this is the entire explanation – "other services." When the CFPB's first director (installed by one of Barack Obama's spurious recess appointments when the Senate was not in recess) was asked in a congressional hearing about spending \$215 million to refurbish a building valued at \$150 million, he replied: "Why does that matter to you?" He was obnoxious but not more

so than Congress deserved for creating a CFPB that mocks Congress' duty to control spending. The CFPB brags that its "funding outside the congressional appropriations process" guarantees its "full independence" from Congress. Testifying in 2018 to the House Financial Services Committee, the CFPB's acting director said his agency is "not accountable to you. It's not accountable to the public. It's not accountable to anybody but itself," adding: "I believe it would be my statutory right to just sit here and twiddle my thumbs while you all ask questions." So spoke Mick Mulvaney, who now is Donald Trump's acting chief of staff. Mulvaney is hostile to the CFPB, but his statement accorded with CFPB boasts. On Tuesday, the court will not consider all the ways the CFPB floats above, and thereby damages, the Constitution's assignment of powers. The court will consider only this: Some precedence suggests that the director, whose five-year term is longer than that of the president, can only be removed by the president "for cause" (for "inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance"), not for policy reasons. So, if the president and the director disagree about important policies, the director prevails. Does this violate the separation of powers by diminishing the president's authority to direct executive branch operations? The answer: Yes, but. The court has not strictly enforced the "unitary executive theory," which holds that nothing can constitutionally diminish direct presidential control of all executive branch officials. In 1933, Franklin Roosevelt fired a member of the Federal Trade Commission because the two differed on policy questions. In 1935, the court ruled 9-0 that Roosevelt could not remove

the commissioner because the FTC is not "an arm or eye of the executive," that it must "act with entire impartiality," enforcing "no policy except the policy of the law." The FTC, however, unlike the CFPB, is run by five commissioners, and no more than three can be from the same party, which is a check against partisan abuses. The CFPB, which is independent in a way that no other agency ever has been, is controlled by one person, the director who can nullify a president's preferences. Ideally, the court will hold that the CFPB's structure regarding its director – never mind its other gross defects – is unconstitutional. It is generally wholesome to prune presidential power, which has grown in tandem with Congress' desire to delegate its powers to other institutions. Sometimes this desire is symptomatic of sloth. Other times it is symptomatic of defeatism, acknowledging the impossibility of Congress directing or even monitoring the sprawling administrative state that Congress has created. In this case, however, the court's protection of presidential power would rebuke Congress for its slapdash construction of a CFPB that fits nowhere in the Constitution's tripartite design of government. This rebuke would underscore what has been a defining characteristic of progressivism ever since Woodrow Wilson first enunciated it, and is a conspicuous facet of the thinking of Elizabeth Warren, the architect of the CFPB. It is hostility to the Madisonian separation of powers, a supposed anachronism that prevents regulatory government from quickly working wonders through unfettered progressives. George Will's email address is [georgewill@washpost.com](mailto:georgewill@washpost.com).

## LETTERS

### Dignity and justice are achievable in U.S. politics

We, in the Second Congressional District, have the opportunity in the May and November elections of 2020 to take dignity and justice for all to Congress by voting for Pat Hackett. Our current representative, Walorski, has a long record of voting nay on any House bills or resolutions that would advance dignity and justice practiced by the federal government. Walorski's voting record of consistent nay's on House Resolutions (HR) between June and September of 2019 is: June 4, HR 6, American Dream and Promise Act 2019. Passed 237-187. July 16, HR 489, Condemning Trump's Racist Comments, Passed 240-187. July 24, HR 3239, Care of Aliens At Borders, passed 233-195. Sept. 25, HR2203, Provision For Border Ombudsman, passed 230-194. Sept. 26, HR 3525 Improving Procedures For Medical Screening At Borders, passed 230-184. A premise with credence is that the majority of citizens of the Second Congressional District would have voted, with the majority in Congress, regardless of political affiliation, on these resolutions which recognize the value of every human being. Since Walorski voted consistently with the 45 percent minority on these resolutions, she does not appropriately represent the citizens of the Second Congressional District. I have lived most of my life in the southern portion of the Second Congressional District, Wabash County. As the fourth-generation descendant of farmers, I will stand by my premise based on my interaction with people of Wabash County across broad political and religious affiliations, across the broad job and work activities, across urban and rural addresses, and across broad classes of ethnic, economic and immigrant status. The result, the conclusion, the source of my premise, is that the heart and soul of the majority of people with whom I interact in Wabash County lie on the side of caring and compassion. We need Pat Hackett to represent our composite heart and soul in Congress to be a voice for dignity and justice for all. John Hartsough North Manchester

### Romney as Hamlet

By JOHN F. GASKI

Despite Mitt Romney's contrived and sophistic attempt to justify his Senate vote to convict Donald Trump on one impeachment article, his public verbal contortions fall short. The self-contradiction with respect to his prior vote in favor of trial witnesses is revealing and damning of Mr. Romney and his motives. How so? First, Romney's vote for witnesses was inherently an admission that prevailing evidence was insufficient for a definite conclusion or verdict. If insufficient for a guilty verdict, the subsequent Senate decision against more witnesses would render Romney's vote to convict incompatible with his prior vote. In other words, insufficient plus zero still equals insufficient. (Or, if inadequate evidence for a not-guilty conclusion, in Romney's or anyone's mind, the issue is immaterial because U.S. jurisprudence does not require innocence to be proven.) Alternatively, if Romney's preference for witnesses stemmed from a belief that the body of evidence tendered as of then was enough for a guilty verdict but could still be overcome by further witness-based evidence, then Romney's guilty vote is illegitimate because of his own recognition of the exclusion of potentially exculpatory information. One other possible option, to make it exhaustive: What if Mitt Romney voted for witnesses while believing that a) the case for conviction had been made but b) more evidence could only have bolstered the case? In that event, however, legally and logically, the prospective extra evidence would be superfluous to a valid conclusion and there was no exigency to support more witnesses, all of which suggests that Romney's thinking must have corresponded to one of the first two scenarios. The vote for witnesses remains belied by the guilty vote, or vice versa, that is. In any case, Mitt Romney's vote to convict President Trump is incongruent with his own revealed position, internally inconsistent and incoherent. What this signals further is a set of unattractive inferences: Romney's stated justification for voting to convict does not stand up to elementary scrutiny, so his motives must have been something other than the elevated, principled, noble metaphysics he proclaimed. What is indicated by default instead is the personal or political because Mitt Romney is far too smart not to discern the incongruence of his alleged reasoning. At least, he always was. Maybe he really is losing his mind, as some prominent critics suspect. Or, one other hunch: Perhaps Mitt is positioning himself to be the 2020 Vice Presidential nominee – for the Democrats. John F. Gaski, Ph.D., an adjunct scholar of the Indiana Policy Review Foundation, is associate professor, at the Mendoza College of Business, University of Notre Dame, specializing in social and political power and conflict. Dr. Gaski is a long-time registered Democrat, and long-time registered Republican – intermittently, not simultaneously or sequentially.



# Alabama executes man convicted in killing of 3 officers

By KIM CHANDLER  
Associated Press

ATMORE, Ala. — A man convicted as an accomplice in the 2004 killings of three police officers in Alabama who were shot by another man was executed Thursday evening.

Inmate Nathaniel Woods, 43, was pronounced dead at 9:01 p.m. CST Thursday following a lethal injection at the state prison in Atmore, authorities said. The inmate had no last words before the chemicals began flowing, but appeared to arrange his hands in a sign of his Islamic faith.

Alabama’s first execution of the year came after a last

minute bid to stop it, that included support from the son of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., and others who argued it was unfair to execute a man who didn’t pull the trigger in the slaying.

The state of Alabama said that Woods was an active participant with the slayings and had bragged about it afterward in statements, song lyrics and art.

The U.S. Supreme Court issued a temporary stay to consider last-minute appeals and then denied the inmate’s petitions. Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey denied a request for clemency.

Woods and Kerry Spencer were convicted of cap-

ital murder and sentenced to death in the slayings of the three Birmingham officers. The officers’ deaths in a hail of gunfire rocked Alabama’s largest city in 2004. Carlos Owen, Harley A. Chisolm III and Charles R. Bennett died while trying to serve a misdemeanor domestic assault warrant on Woods at a suspected drug house.

Prosecutors said Spencer was the triggerman in the slaying, opening fire on the officers with a high-powered rifle inside the apartment, though Woods was convicted as an accomplice.

Family members of the slain officers gave statements to the media after the

execution, describing lives shattered by the shootings.

“Nathaniel Woods chose his fate on June 17, 2004. That horrific day could have been prevented if he had any kind of compassion or respect for law enforcement,” Starr Sidelinker said in reading a statement on behalf of Chisholm’s sister.

Greg Owen, the son of officer Owen, said in a written statement that his father was a 58-year-old grandfather who only wanted to protect people in the city where he grew up.

“Instead of going home that day, he was ambushed, murdered and died on the floor of a filthy drug house,” Greg Owen wrote.

# Publisher cancels plans to release Woody Allen memoir

By HILLEL ITALIE  
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — Woody Allen’s publisher has decided to cancel the planned release of his memoir “Apropos of Nothing.”

The announcement Friday by Hachette Book Group followed days of criticism focused on allegations that Allen sexually abused his daughter Dylan Farrow. On Thursday, dozens of Hachette employees staged a walk-out.

“The decision to cancel Mr. Allen’s book was a difficult one. At HBG we take our relationships with authors very seriously, and do not cancel books lightly,” the publisher announced.

“We have published and will continue to publish many challenging books. As publishers, we make sure every day in our work that different voices and conflicting points of views can be heard.”

Allen’s book was scheduled to come out next month.

Allen has denied any wrongdoing and was nev-

er charged after two separate investigations in the 1990s.

But the allegations have received new attention in the #MeToo era.

Allen’s agreement with Hachette meant that he briefly shared a publisher with one of his biggest detractors, his son Ronan Farrow, whose “Catch and Kill” was released last year by the Hachette division Little, Brown and Company.

“Hachette’s publishing of Woody Allen’s memoir is deeply upsetting to me personally and an utter betrayal of my brother whose brave reporting, capitalized on by Hachette, gave voice to numerous survivors of sexual assault by powerful men,” Dylan Farrow said in a statement Monday hours after details of the book were released by The Associated Press.

Ronan Farrow followed up a day later, calling Hachette’s decision “wildly unprofessional.”

Both he and his sister complained that the publisher had not reached out to fact check their father’s book.

## AGEN

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whose team you’re on,” she said.

Miley Cyrus and Adam Levine turned around for Agen. She chose Cyrus’s team. After that was a battle round where contestants on the same team sing against one another. Agen lost that round, but that wasn’t the end.

“There’s such a thing as a steal,” she said. “So the other coaches can push their buttons to steal whoever lost the battle. Adam Levine and Jennifer Hudson pushed their buttons to steal me. And then I went with Adam.”

Agen said the experience helped her grow as an artist and performer.

“It is crazy knowing that it’s automatically going to be on people’s TVs considering the live round has a 7-second buffer between real-time which is just ridiculous. I do remember being super nervous, but there’s so much going on around you, you almost don’t have time

to be nervous, which helps a lot. And all of a sudden you’re on stage and singing,” she said. “I feel like I actually learned a lot. Just how to command the stage and be really authentic even with a huge crowd. It’s really awesome. I feel like my super comfort zone is to sing in front of small, intimate groups. It kind of gave me the ability to have that same emotion, but in front of a lot of people and bringing a lot of people into that intimate space. I had never done anything that size. The people there were awesome and super good at instructing me, but also just letting me do what comes naturally to me.”

**Songwriting process**

Agen said her songwriting process almost begins with random ideas for lyrics which she then applies to music.

“Pretty much any sentence you give to me has a melody that can go with it immediately,” she said. “A melody is the main thing, but it’s always tied to words. There will be a random sentence

and that starts it. And then I pick up a guitar and then whatever key I’m singing in is what I start with.”

Agen said her biggest influence as a songwriter is Brandi Carlile.

“She’s awesome and just like a really good example of singing really rocky songs and then lullabies and ballads and whatever and it can be all you. And you don’t have to stick to one specific, ‘Oh I’m a jazz singer,’ or whatever. That was really inspirational and just her lyrics and songwriting are super inspirational to me,” she said.

Agen said Joni Mitchell was another main inspiration, even though her songs didn’t sound exactly like hers.

“She’s like a more poetic writer. What I’m saying in my songs is not poetic. It’s very straightforward. Like this is what’s going on. But I’ve taken a lot from her melodies and her chords. I think those are super interesting,” she said.

Agen said Noah Gunderson is a male songwriter who “is really good at ex-

pressing his heart and I just love the melodies he comes up with.”

“All three of those are on constant repeat for me,” she said.

### Recording her first album

Agen said she is now recording her first album of 12 original songs, splitting her time between Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids, Michigan.

“I’m super excited about that,” she said.

Agen said she never wants to lose the love of the process.

“I’m someone who is super focused on the day to day and if I work hard today and also tomorrow then something good will be happening and sustainable. So that is kind of my mindset most of the time. The whole is to keep doing it and making sure I’m loving what I’m doing. That’s success to me,” she said.

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## Quick Hits

### Golf's famous tree from 1979 U.S. Open uprooted by wind

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — A tree that appeared overnight during the 1979 U.S. Open to become a part of golf lore has met its end.

The Black Hills spruce known as "The Hinkle Tree" was partially uprooted by a gust of wind this week at Inverness Club in Toledo, Ohio, and was cut down.

The tree dated to the 79th Open, when a journeyman pro named Lon Hinkle came up with a way to outsmart the course during the first round.

Hinkle noticed that he could take a shortcut by hitting through a gap of trees near the eighth tee and drive his ball on the adjacent 17th fairway, shaving 75 yards off the dogleg hole. It made for an easy birdie, but U.S. Golf Association officials were not amused.

The USGA dispatched the course's greens chairman to bring in a tree from a nursery and block the shortcut. Overnight, the Black Hill spruce, about 20 feet tall, appeared in the gap. But during the next round, Hinkle and his playing partner, Chi Chi Rodriguez, decided to hit their tee shots over the tree.

### Police cite Nebraska guard after minor traffic accident

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A Nebraska men's basketball player was cited after leaving the scene of an accident, Lincoln police said.

Sophomore guard Cam Mack also was cited Wednesday for negligent driving. County court records don't list the name of an attorney who could comment for Mack.

A woman reported to police that her car was struck from behind when she slowed for a vehicle in front of her. She told police she followed the other car to a nearby business where she and the driver waited for police but he left before officers arrived.

She'd taken down his car's Texas license number, and officers contacted him later.

Mack, a Texas prep star who spent last year at Salt Lake Community College, was suspended for Thursday night's game against No. 25 Michigan, which Nebraska lost, 82-58. It's unclear whether the suspension was related to the accident. A team spokesman didn't immediately return a call Friday from The Associated Press.

### Submit your news

The *Plain Dealer* is accepting all news, varsity, junior varsity, middle school, elementary school and non-school affiliated recreational sports. To get a brief in the newspaper, please provide final score and any highlights pertaining to the event, including first and last names of participants. Reports must be received by 3 p.m. to make it in the following day's edition. Items may be:

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Manchester's Bryce Kamphues (53) leads the Squires onto the field prior to a game last season.

## Kamphues, Clark to continue athletic careers at next level

By STAFF REPORTS

Manchester announced a pair of college signings for standout athletes this winter. Bryce Kamphues will continue his football career with College of Wooster in Ohio while Trey Clark will continue his track career at Trine University.

Kamphues was an All-Three Rivers Conference (TRC) lineman for the Squires last fall, helping Manchester to a 3-7 mark on the year. Kamphues finished the season fourth on the team in tackles at 61 with a

pair of those for loss while also recovering a fumble on the season.

During the winter, Kamphues capped off a standout wrestling career by qualifying for the semi-state for the second year in a row. Kamphues finished his senior season with a 25-3 record and conference, sectional and regional titles at 285 pounds.

The College of Wooster, a Division III school, football program finished last season with a 6-4 record and a 5-4 mark in the North Coast Athletic Conference. The

Fighting Scots graduated 14 seniors from that team, five of those defensive linemen and three offensive linemen.

Clark, meanwhile, is entering his senior season on the track after an already accomplished career. As a freshman, Clark qualified for the regional in the 200-meter dash after placing third in the sectional. Clark also qualified for the regional in the 400-meter dash that season, helping Manchester take third.

During the fall, Clark also finished off a standout football campaign. As

a sophomore, Clark earned All-TRC honors as a wide receiver after finishing with 778 yards and six touchdowns. He would finish his career with 1,460 yards receiving with 12 scores and 76 receptions.

Trine has one of the top track programs in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, the nation's oldest conference. Last season, the Thunder took second in the outdoor conference championships. This spring, Trine has already captured the indoor conference title.

## University of Michigan won't change investigation into abuse

By LARRY LAGE

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The University of Michigan said Friday that it will not change the way it is handling the investigation into allegations of decades of sexual abuse by a late doctor at the school.

The statement came in response to calls by accusers and their lawyers for Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel to investigate.

"We have met with, and sought counsel from, survivors, doctors and mental health experts and believe

we are overseeing a process that will ultimately serve as the best course of action for the survivors and University community," the university said in statement from President Mark Schlissel and the board of regents. The statement didn't mention Nessel or the calls for her to get involved.

Nessel said Thursday that she would welcome a request from the university to investigate but first asked for a commitment of full cooperation, including waiving all privilege over documents and other information. She also said the Legislature

should commit to funding an investigation.

Numerous men have alleged that Dr. Robert Anderson sexually assaulted them while they were members of the football, hockey and wrestling teams in the 1980s. The university, located in Ann Arbor, revealed last month that it was investigating multiple allegations of abuse against Anderson, who died in 2008. Last week, it said it had received more than 100 complaints.

The revelations echo other high-profile allegations and investigations of sexual abuse made by patients of

sports doctors at other universities, including Michigan State University, Ohio State University and Minnesota.

The University of Michigan has hired an outside law firm to investigate the allegations, set up a hotline for victims to relate their stories and offered free survivor counseling.

"We recognize that trust in the University has been broken," the school said in its latest statement. "As leaders, we understand the tremendous importance of integrity,

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## Former Husker lineman now dominant wrestler at small college

By ERIC OLSON

Associated Press

SEWARD, Neb. — Tanner Farmer just wants to be another guy on the Concordia University wrestling team, and for the most part he is.

The big lug likes to sneak up behind teammates anywhere and anytime, wrap them in bear hugs and lift them up. He starts singing and dancing for no reason. He's the ringleader of the daily pre-practice game of "Spikeball," a cross between volleyball and the playground game "four square."

A year ago at this time, Farmer was thought to be on the rise as an NFL draft prospect. He had started three years on Nebraska's offensive line and turned in a stellar performance at the Cornhuskers' pro day.

It turned out he went undrafted. He got looks from the Indianapolis Colts and Houston Texans and the CFL's Winnipeg Blue Bombers, but nothing panned out.

"Well, what do I do now? What's the next step?"

Farmer said he asked himself.

He didn't see this coming. He was working as a volunteer assistant with the Concordia football team and taking graduate courses last fall when he found out that under National Association of Intercollegiate Athletic rules he had one semester of eligibility if he wanted to compete in another sport.

A two-time state champion for Highland High School in Illinois in 2013-14, he had joked with wrestling coach Levi Calhoun about joining the team. When he found out he really could, Farmer was all in.

"He definitely fell into our lap," Calhoun said, "and it's been awesome."

Farmer lost 25 pounds to get down to 285, got himself back into wrestling shape and won all 22 of his matches. He was named Great Plains Athletic Conference wrestler of the year and is the No. 2 seed in the NAIA national tournament scheduled Friday and Saturday in Park City, Kansas. The top seed is Brandon Reed (23-2)

of Lindsey Wilson College (Ky.)

"I kind of didn't expect to go through the season this far without a loss," Farmer said. "There were a couple times in matches where I thought this was it. But I pushed through."

Other than working out with the Nebraska wrestling team during football off-seasons, Farmer had been away from the sport. With his technique rusty, he's been able to call on the mauler inside him to overpower opponents.

"I knew he definitely would be a force in the NAIA," Calhoun said. "I don't know that we expected him to be as dominant as he has been."

Farmer's season highlight so far was beating nationally ranked Nebraska heavyweight David Jensen at an early season tournament.

"After that happened," Calhoun said, "we knew he had something special and he could win a national title."

Based on early practices, teammate Blake Sang wouldn't have imagined

Farmer going unbeaten. Farmer struggled with cramps and endurance and sweat poured out of him.

"He would be really bad at the end of practice," Sang said. "He was barely walking. It's what I call the fat boy shuffle. In football you look like you're jogging and you try to make it look like you're jogging, but you're not."

"He was cramping up because he wasn't used to practicing that hard and losing that much water. It was cool to see how he got so much better over two months. His body wasn't able to handle it, and now he's competing and is 22-0. That's pretty freaking good."

Farmer, who has a Nebraska "N" tattoo on his left bicep, is never far removed from his past as a Cornhusker. He lives in Lincoln, a half-hour drive from the Concordia campus, and still visits the Huskers' football offices. He said coach Scott Frost, offensive line coach Greg Austin and former teammates are big fans of his wrestling endeavor.

## No. 6 Maryland women top Purdue 74-62 in Big Ten Tourney

By MICHAEL MAROT

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Taylor Mikesell excelled outside the arc. Inside the paint, that's where Stephanie Jones and Shakira Austin ruled.

It was the perfect combination for No. 6 Maryland.

Mikesell made six 3-pointers and finished with 22 points while Jones and Austin each posted double-doubles as the Terrapins pulled away from Purdue 74-62 Friday in the Big Ten Tournament quarterfinals.

"We took her out of her natural position (earlier this season), so that took time, and selfishly it impacted her with how she was playing the game," coach Brenda Frese said of Mikesell.

"But I think now as we've been able to get in some comfortable rotations and with our freshmen settling in a little bit more, it's made it a lot easier. We've been able to find her easier," she said.

The timing couldn't be better with top-seeded Maryland (26-4) trying to improve its NCAA Tournament seeding.

And with Mikesell leading the way, the Terrapins demonstrated just how dominant they could be — even on an off-day. Despite getting only four points from leading scorer Kaila Charles and shooting 35.7 percent from the field, the Terrapins still extended their winning streak to 15 and reached the semifinals for the sixth straight season.

Jones finished with 14 points and 13 rebounds, Austin added 12 points and 11 rebounds and Mikesell bailed out the Terrapins with a decisive flurry that started late in the third quarter.

"I feel good," Mikesell said. "Really we're just trying to stay hot from behind the arc and as a team."

It all began when Blair Watson grabbed a rebound off Purdue's errant 3 and got the ball to Mikesell for an open 3 with 4 seconds left. It gave Maryland a 55-44 lead.

Jones opened the fourth with a putback, Mikesell followed with another 3, Charles made a mid-range

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His journey from big-time football to small-college wrestling has created a buzz in the NAIA, and he was recognized and approached by wrestlers from other teams and fans when he was at meets, especially ones in the state.

Naturally, teammates like to give him grief about receiving the star treatment, calling him "THE Tanner Farmer" or "Big Shot."

Farmer takes the ribbing, but grudgingly.

"I really don't want that to be an issue with anybody I come into contact with, the fact I was a three-year starter (at Nebraska) shouldn't affect how somebody treats me or interacts with me," he said. "I'm just another guy. I want to be their friend, I want to be a good teammate."

At the same time, Farmer knows his ties to Nebraska football have brought exposure to the 1,200-student school he had never heard of until last summer.

"If it helps the school,"

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ON THE AIR

<div><b>AUTO RACING</b> <b>1 p.m.</b> FS1 — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Qualifying, Phoenix <b>2:30 p.m.</b> FS1 — NASCAR Cup Series: Qualifying, Phoenix <b>4 p.m.</b> FS1 — NASCAR Xfinity Series: The LS Tractor 200, Phoenix <b>7:30 p.m.</b> NBCSN — Monster Energy AMA Supercross: Round 10, Daytona, Fla. <b>BOXING</b> <b>8 p.m.</b> FOX — PBC Main Card: Adam Kownacki vs. Robert Helenius (Heavyweights), Brooklyn, N.Y. <b>COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)</b> <b>12 p.m.</b> ESPN — Wisconsin at Indiana ESPN2 — Auburn at Tennessee FOX — Villanova at Georgetown <b>12:30 p.m.</b> SECN — South Carolina at Vanderbilt <b>1 p.m.</b> CBS — Kentucky at Florida <b>2 p.m.</b> ACCN — Virginia Tech at Notre Dame BTN — Rutgers at Purdue ESPN — Kansas at Texas Tech ESPN2 — Georgia at Louisiana State <b>2:30 p.m.</b> FOX — Seton Hall at Creighton PAC-12N — Colorado at Utah SECN — Alabama at Missouri <b>3:15 p.m.</b> CBS — UCLA at Southern California <b>3:30 p.m.</b> CBSN — Missouri Valley Tournament: Teams TBD, Semifinal, St. Louis <b>4 p.m.</b> ACCN — Syracuse at Miami BTN — Penn State at Northwestern ESPN — Louisville at Virginia ESPN2 — Oklahoma State at Texas <b>4:30 p.m.</b> PAC-12N — California at Oregon State SECN — Arkansas at Texas A&amp;M <b>5:30 p.m.</b> CBS — Mountain West Tournament: Teams TBD, Championship, Las Vegas <b>6 p.m.</b> CBSN — Missouri Valley Tournament: Teams TBD, Semifinal, St. Louis ESPN — North Carolina at Duke ESPN2 — Oklahoma at Texas Christian <b>6:30 p.m.</b> FS1 — DePaul at Providence PAC-12N — Washington State at Arizona State SECN — Mississippi at Mississippi State <b>8 p.m.</b> CBSN — Temple at Cincinnati ESPN2 — Ohio Valley Tournament: Teams TBD, Championship, Evansville, Ind. <b>8:30 p.m.</b> FS1 — Butler at Xavier <b>10 p.m.</b> ESPN — Washington at Arizona ESPN2 — West Coast Tournament: Teams TBD, Quarterfinal, Las Vegas <b>11 p.m.</b> FS1 — Stanford at Oregon <b>12:30 a.m. (Sunday)</b> ESPN2 — West Coast Tournament: Teams TBD, Quarterfinal, Las Vegas 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Spring Training: Houston vs. St. Louis, Jupiter, Fla. <b>NBA BASKETBALL</b> <b>8:30 p.m.</b> ABC — Phila. at Golden State <b>NHL HOCKEY</b> <b>1 p.m.</b> NHLN — Washington at Pittsburgh <b>7 p.m.</b> NHLN — Tampa Bay at Boston <b>10 p.m.</b> NHLN — Columbus at Edmonton <b>SKIING</b> <b>10:30 p.m.</b> NBCSN — FIS Alpine World Cup: Mens Downhill, Kvitfjell, Norway (taped) <b>SOCCER (MEN'S)</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> FS1 — Bundesliga: RB Leipzig at VfL Wolfsburg FS2 — Bundesliga: Hoffenheim at Schalke <b>9:55 a.m.</b> NBCSN — Premier League: West Ham at Arsenal <b>10 a.m.</b> CNBC — Premier League: Brighton at Wolverhampton <b>12:25 p.m.</b> NBCSN — Premier League: Tottenham at Burnley <b>10 p.m.</b> ESPNEWS — USL: Las Vegas FC at San Diego SC FS2 — Liga MX: Atlético San Luis at Monterrey <b>SPEEDSKATING</b> <b>12 a.m. (Sunday)</b> NBCSN — ISU: World Cup Finals, Heerenveen, Netherlands (taped) <b>TENNIS</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> TENNIS — ATP/WT: Open 6ème Sens, Semifinals <b>3 p.m.</b> TENNIS — WTA: Abierto GNP Seguros, Semifinal 1 <b>6 p.m.</b> TENNIS — Abierto GNP Seguros, Semifinal 2 <b>1 a.m. (Sunday)</b> CBSN — The Davis Cup: U.S. vs Uzbekistan, Qualifying Round, Honolulu (taped) <b>XFL FOOTBALL</b> <b>2 p.m.</b> ABC — Seattle at Houston <b>5 p.m.</b> FOX — New York at Dallas <b>Sunday, March 8</b> <b>AHL HOCKEY</b> <b>3 p.m.</b> NHLN — Bridgeport at Lehigh Valley <b>AUTO RACING</b> <b>12:30 p.m.</b> NBCSN — FIM MotoGP: The Qatar Grand Prix: Doha, Qatar (taped) <b>3:30 p.m.</b> FOX — NASCAR Cup Series: The Fanshield 500, Phoenix <b>COLLEGE BASEBALL</b> <b>12 p.m.</b> SECN — Lipscomb at Alabama <b>3 p.m.</b> ACCN — North Carolina State at Virginia <b>COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)</b> <b>12 p.m.</b> CBS — Memphis at Houston CBSN — Patriot League Tournament: Teams TBD, Semifinal FOX — Michigan at Maryland <b>1 p.m.</b> BTN — Nebraska at Minnesota ESPN — Big South Tournament: Teams TBD, Championship <b>2 p.m.</b> CBSN — Patriot League Tournament: Teams TBD, Semifinal ESPN — East 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Union at LA FC <b>SOCCER (WOMEN'S)</b> <b>5 p.m.</b> ESPN — SheBelieves Cup: U.S. vs. Spain, Harrison, N.J. <b>TENNIS</b> <b>10 a.m.</b> TENNIS — ATP/WT: Open 6ème Sens, Final <b>6:30 p.m.</b> TENNIS — WTA: Abierto GNP Seguros, Final <b>XFL FOOTBALL</b> <b>3 p.m.</b> FS1 — St. Louis at D.C. <b>9 p.m.</b> ESPN — Tampa Bay at Los Angeles</div>
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SCOREBOARD

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Standings through Thursday

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

Conference		All Games				
W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Florida St.	15	4	.789	25	5	.833
Louisville	15	4	.789	24	6	.800
Duke	14	5	.737	24	6	.800
Virginia	14	5	.737	22	7	.759
Syracuse	10	9	.526	17	13	.567
Georgia Tech	10	9	.526	16	14	.533
NC State	9	10	.474	18	12	.600
Notre Dame	9	10	.474	18	12	.600
Clemson	9	10	.474	15	14	.517
Virginia Tech	7	12	.368	16	14	.533
Boston College	7	12	.368	13	17	.433
Miami	6	13	.316	14	15	.483
Wake Forest	6	13	.316	13	16	.448
North Carolina	6	13	.316	13	17	.433
Pittsburgh	6	14	.300	15	16	.484

Friday's Games

Georgia Tech at Clemson

Wake Forest at NC State

Saturday's Games

Virginia Tech at Notre Dame, 2 p.m.

Syracuse at Miami, 4 p.m.

Louisville at Virginia, 4 p.m.

Boston College at Florida St., 4:30 p.m.

North Carolina at Duke, 6 p.m.

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

Conference		All Games				
W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Maryland	13	6	.684	23	7	.767
Michigan St.	13	6	.684	21	9	.700
Wisconsin	13	6	.684	20	10	.667
Illinois	12	7	.632	20	10	.667
Ohio St.	11	8	.579	21	9	.700
Penn St.	11	8	.579	21	9	.700
Iowa	11	8	.579	20	10	.667
Michigan	10	9	.526	19	11	.633
Rutgers	10	9	.526	19	11	.633
Indiana	9	10	.474	19	11	.633
Purdue	9	10	.474	16	14	.533
Minnesota	7	12	.368	13	16	.448
Northwestern	2	17	.105	7	22	.241
Nebraska	2	17	.105	7	23	.233

Thursday's Games

Michigan 82, Nebraska 58

Ohio St. 71, Illinois 63

Saturday's Games

Wisconsin at Indiana, Noon

Rutgers at Purdue, 2 p.m.

Penn St. at Northwestern, 4 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Michigan at Maryland, Noon

Nebraska at Minnesota, 1 p.m.

Ohio St. at Michigan St., 4:30 p.m.

Iowa at Illinois, 7 p.m.

BIG EAST CONFERENCE

Conference		All Games				
W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Seton Hall	13	4	.765	21	8	.724
Creighton	12	5	.706	23	7	.767
Villanova	12	5	.706	23	7	.767
Providence	11	6	.647	18	12	.600
Butler	9	8	.529	21	9	.700
Xavier	8	9	.471	19	11	.633
Marquette	8	9	.471	18	11	.621
Georgetown	5	12	.294	15	15	.500
St. John's	4	13	.235	15	15	.500

Friday's Games

Drake vs. N. Iowa at St. Louis

S. Illinois vs. Bradley at St. Louis

Valparaiso vs. Loyola of Chicago at St. Louis

Missouri St. vs. Indiana St. at St. Louis

SUMMIT LEAGUE

Conference		All Games				
W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
N. Dakota St.	13	3	.813	22	8	.733

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Sunday's Games

Nebraska-Omaha vs. Oral Roberts at Sioux Falls, S.D., 7 p.m.

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NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Toronto	44	18	.710	—
Boston	42	19	.689	1½
Philadelphia	38	25	.603	6½
Brooklyn	27	34	.443	16½
New York	19	43	.306	25

Southeast Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	40	22	.645	—
Orlando	27	35	.435	13
Washington	22	39	.361	17½
Charlotte	21	41	.339	19
Atlanta	19	44	.302	21½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Milwaukee	53	9	.855	—
Indiana	37	25	.597	16
Chicago	21	41	.339	32
Detroit	20	43	.317	33½
Cleveland	17	45	.274	36

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	39	22	.639	—
Dallas	38	25	.603	2
Memphis	31	31	.500	8½
San Antonio	26	34	.433	12½
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W	L	Pct	GB	
Denver	42	20	.677	—
Utah	39	22	.639	2½
Oklahoma City	38	24	.613	4
Portland	28	35	.444	14½
Minnesota	19	42	.311	22½

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	47	13	.783	—
L.A. Clippers	43	19	.694	5
Sacramento	27	35	.435	21
Phoenix	24	38	.387	24
Golden State	14	49	.222	34½

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Valparaiso 58, Evansville 55

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L.A. Clippers	43	19	.694	5
Sacramento	27	35	.435	21
Phoenix	24	38	.387	24
Golden State	14	49	.222	34½

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Tampa Bay at Detroit, 5 p.m.

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Sunday's Games

Nebraska-Omaha vs. Oral Roberts at Sioux Falls, S.D., 7 p.m.

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Boston	42	19	.689	1½
Philadelphia	38	25	.603	6½
Brooklyn	27	34	.443	16½
New York	19	43	.306	25

Southeast Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	40	22	.645	—
Orlando	27	35	.435	13
Washington	22	39	.361	17½
Charlotte	21	41	.339	19
Atlanta	19	44	.302	21½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Milwaukee	53	9	.855	—
Indiana	37	25	.597	16
Chicago	21	41	.339	32
Detroit	20	43	.317	33½
Cleveland	17	45	.274	36

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	39	22	.639	—
Dallas	38	25	.603	2
Memphis	31	31	.500	8½
San Antonio	26	34	.433	12½
New Orleans	26	36	.419	13½

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Denver	42	20	.677	—
Utah	39	22	.639	2½
Oklahoma City	38	24	.613	4
Portland	28	35	.444	14½
Minnesota	19	42	.311	22½

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
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# Streaking Spartans looking for 3rd straight Big Ten title

By **ERIC OLSON**  
Associated Press

What to watch in the Big Ten this week:

## GAME OF THE WEEKEND Ohio State at No. 16 Michigan State, Sunday.

Michigan State (21-9, 13-6) has won four straight and with a win over the Buckeyes (21-9, 11-8) would claim a third straight Big Ten regular-season championship. The Spartans, in the middle of the pack a month ago, won 78-66 at No. 9 Maryland last Saturday and turned in one of their most impressive performances of the season in erasing a 19-point deficit and beating No. 20 Penn State 79-71 on the road Tuesday. Tom Izzo's team always is dangerous this time of year. With Cassius Winston and Xavier Tillman Sr. providing leadership, the Spartans look to be on the verge of another

March run.

### LOOKING AHEAD

Michigan State, Maryland and No. 24 Wisconsin have locked up double byes for the Big Ten Tournament, and Illinois would secure the fourth and final one with a win over Iowa on Sunday. Maryland and Wisconsin are tied with Michigan State at 13-6 in the conference and still alive for the top seed in the Big Ten Tournament. On the other end of the bracket, Northwestern, Nebraska and Minnesota are locked in among the bottom four seeds that will have to play Wednesday, with the fourth still to be determined.

### PLAYER TO WATCH

Michigan State's Rocket Watts. The freshman guard has played a key role on both ends of the floor the last three wins. He scored 18 points against Penn State,

13 against Maryland and 21 against Iowa. He also shut down Penn State's Myreon Jones in the second half of the Spartans' comeback win, and he was the main defender on Maryland's Anthony Cowan, who made no 3-pointers after hitting five and scoring 24 points in the Terrapins' win over MSU on Feb. 15.

### INSIDE THE NUMBERS

Twelve Big Ten teams entered the week in the top 54 of the NCAA NET rankings: Michigan State (No. 7), Maryland (No. 15), Ohio State (No. 16), Michigan (No. 24), Penn State (No. 26), Iowa (No. 29), Wisconsin (No. 30), Rutgers (No. 34), Purdue (No. 35), Illinois (No. 36), Minnesota (No. 46) and Indiana (No. 54). Also, a record eight teams are ranked in The Associated Press Top 25 this week. ... Through Wednesday, Big Ten home teams are 87-42 (.674) in conference play. ... Na-

tional player of the year candidate Luka Garza of Iowa is averaging 23.7 points and has led the Big Ten in scoring since November. He ranks first in the country with 12 games of at least 20 points and 10 rebounds.

### ON THE WOMEN'S SIDE

Maryland goes into its Big Ten Tournament first-round game Friday in line to be a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament, and the conference is projected to land a nation-leading eight bids. ... Iowa senior guard Kathleen Doyle was voted conference player of the year by both the coaches and a media panel. It's the second straight year an Iowa player took the top honor. Megan Gustafson was the winner in 2019 and also consensus national player of the year. ... Northwestern's Joe McKee was named Big Ten coach of the year.

# Fear of unknown looms in sports as virus spreads

By **TIM DAHLBERG**  
AP Sports Columnist

So far, at least, spring training ballparks are drawing good crowds and NBA and NHL arenas are mostly full. There's little sign of coronavirus panic among U.S. sports fans, even if the team store doesn't carry masks with their favorite player's name and number on them.

That may change. And soon.

Two colleges this week canceled trips to the Seattle area for basketball games after an outbreak of the new coronavirus in Washington state, the first major U.S. sports disruptions because of the virus. Chicago State officials said in a statement that the decision not to make the trip to an area under a state of emergency was done with the "health and well-being of the campus community in mind."

It might be undue caution, but the schools decided the risk of contracting the virus was greater than reward of possibly winning a game. That mean's there will be no senior day this year at Seattle University, where players were supposed to be honored before Saturday's game against Missouri-Kansas City.

These are dangerous and unpredictable times. There's a virus spreading that can kill, and it seems no large gathering is completely safe.

In Denmark on Thursday, a former professional soccer player who represented the country at the 2010 World

Cup tested positive for the virus. Thirteen people who attended a soccer game in Amsterdam along with Thomas Kahlenberg were put in home quarantine, while three players from the Lyngby club who had been in contact with Kahlenberg were also quarantined.

And in Las Vegas, where five conference basketball tournaments will be played over the next week, officials on Thursday announced the first presumptive case of the virus.

Nobody knows just how much the coronavirus will spread. Nobody knows how much it will disrupt American sports or American society.

Recent events in affected areas around the world, though, suggest it won't be good. An ominous pattern is developing that threatens sports — at least temporarily — as we know them now.

In Italy, all sports events will take place without fans for at least the next month as officials scramble to contain the virus from spreading. Sports competitions and pre-Olympic events have been canceled in Japan, even as organizers vow the Summer Olympics will go on as planned in July. In England, pre-game handshakes between Premier League players have been banned, and there are suggestions some future matches may end up being played without fans.

Even players in the Italy-South Korea Davis Cup qualifier this weekend will have to adjust. They will

handle their own towels, so the ball kids don't have to touch their sweat.

Suddenly, the hypothetical doesn't seem so hypothetical anymore. Sports draw crowds, and crowds are the enemy of efforts to contain the virus.

Could we see empty stadiums as the major league season begins? It seems implausible at first blush, but the Seattle Mariners open at home in three weeks and right now all bets are off.

How about March Madness, where thousands gather in arenas across the country? Does anyone trust the NCAA with coming up with a plan to protect both athletes and fans as play begins in less than two weeks and so little is still known about where the virus has spread?

Let's go a little further down the road on a crowded spring sports schedule. Can you imagine a Kentucky Derby run without spectators? A Masters played with just players on the course?

Again, no one really knows. Already, though, those with underlying medical conditions are being advised to stay away from crowds, and people 65 and older are at tremendous risk, too.

And, really, how much fun will it be to be at a basketball game while listening with increasing dread to sniffles from fans in the row behind? An unexpected sneeze could empty a row, or even a section.

Players themselves are also at risk. Already NBA players are avoiding high-fives and autograph seekers, acting on

league guidance, and MLB is telling players not to accept balls and pens from fans when signing autographs.

And how about the possibility of players catching the virus from teammates? In Florida on Thursday, Cubs pitcher Yu Darvish was scratched from a scheduled start because of illness and tweeted that he was worried about being in the clubhouse because he had a cough.

Meanwhile, in Switzerland IOC President Thomas Bach insisted the Olympics will begin as scheduled in Tokyo in July. The words "postponement" and "cancellation" weren't even brought up in two days of IOC meetings, Bach said.

Bach, of course, is protecting both the golden goose and the Olympic brand. But the bottom line is he can't forecast how this will all end up any more than baseball commissioner Rob Manfred can. A number of Olympic qualifiers have already been postponed and are in limbo. And while next week's lighting of the Olympic torch in Greece is still on, it's hard to imagine a torch relay following as planned across Japan beginning March 26 if the virus is still spreading there.

Right now, the biggest inconvenience for U.S. sports fans is having to carry hand sanitizer and wait in longer lines at the washroom sinks.

But events are proving to be as fast moving as the virus. That could change and change quick.

Nobody really knows.

# NCAA hoops game in Baltimore held in empty gym

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**  
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — A Division III men's basketball NCAA Tournament game Friday afternoon at Johns Hopkins University is believed to be the first U.S. sports event held without fans because of the new coronavirus.

The university says it was "prudent to hold this tournament without spectators" after Maryland's recently confirmed COVID-19 cases and CDC guidelines for large gatherings. Maryland

announced there were three cases of the virus.

Yeshiva University played Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the first-round game at a mostly empty Goldfarb Gymnasium. Host Johns Hopkins was set to face Penn State Harrisburg on Friday night, with the winners to play Saturday.

There were police officers outside and signs on doors reading, "No spectators." Players warmed up before the game with no fans in the stands of the 1,110-seat facility. The gym was heavily disinfected Thursday night.

"We did that specific to make sure that there were no questions that we were doing our due diligence, that everything was clean and ready to go," Johns Hopkins director of athletic communications Ernie Larossa said. "We're just doing our due diligence to make sure that everybody has a safe environment to compete in."

Johns Hopkins offered refunds to fans who bought tickets. Larossa said more than 400 tickets had been sold for the two sessions Friday.

Sports events in Italy and

Japan have been held without fans in recent weeks. Santa Clara County in California on Thursday recommended the cancellation of large gatherings, including San Jose Sharks hockey games, but the NHL went ahead with the team's game against Minnesota on Thursday night.

Johns Hopkins announced its decision to proceed without fans on Thursday night. "This is definitely first time we've had that situation where there's no fans in the gym," said Yeshiva coach Elliot Steinmetz, who expected it to be awkward.

offensive end.

**Maryland:** Mikesell fell one point short and one 3-pointer short of matching career bests. ... Big Ten freshman of the year Ashley Owsu had 15 points, 10 assists and six rebounds. ... Maryland took 84 shots, 26 more than Purdue. ... The Terrapins had a 21-3 offensive rebounding advantage in the first half.

### UP NEXT

**Purdue:** Must wait to find out its fate.

**Maryland:** Plays either fourth-seeded Indiana or fifth-seeded Rutgers in Saturday's semifinal.

# More sporting events affected by spreading virus

By **DANIELLA MATAR**  
Associated Press

MILAN — More sporting events were canceled Friday and more soccer matches will be played in empty stadiums because of the virus outbreak spreading around the world.

The World Cup skiing finals in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, scheduled from March 18-22, was called off after an emergency International Ski Federation board meeting.

"It's with great disappointment that I accept this decision," Italian Winter Sports Federation president Flavio Roda said. "Every member of the board made their decision based on limitations that their respective governments have imposed in relation to the virus."

RCS Sport, which organizes cycling events in Italy, canceled the Tirreno-Adriatico and Milan-San Remo races as well as the Giro di Sicilia.

On Thursday, the Strade Bianche men's and women's races were canceled. "RCS Sport will request the UCI, via the Italian Cycling Federation, to allocate new dates on the international cycling calendar for the three races, as has already been requested for Strade Bianche and Strade Bianche Women Elite," RCS said in a statement.

The Italian government issued a decree on Wednesday that all sporting events in the country must take place without spectators until April 3. That includes Serie A, Italy's top soccer league.

Tirreno-Adriatico and Milan-San Remo were scheduled for this month, while the Giro di Sicilia was due to take place from April 1-4.

The canceled races will have implications as riders prepare for the year's biggest events, such as the Giro d'Italia (May 9-31) and the Tour de France (June 27-July 19). The Tour is slated to start a week earlier this year to avoid conflict with the Tokyo Olympics.

Italy is the epicenter of Europe's coronavirus outbreak. More than 100 people have died and more than 3,000 have been infected, mainly in the northern part of the country.

Cycling teams had already begun withdrawing from the Strade Bianche and other races this month in Italy and France, with some stopping racing altogether for much of March.

Spain-based cycling team Movistar also announced Friday that it was suspending participation in all races until March 22. The team led by Alejandro Valverde will miss the Paris-Nice race, among other events.

In rugby, the governing body of the sport in Italy said it has suspended all

activity, including training. Six Nations matches against Ireland and England have already been postponed.

Also, Danish soccer club Copenhagen said all of its games in March would be played without fans.

The decision followed comments from Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen, who said events with crowds of more than 1,000 should be canceled or postponed because of the virus.

Copenhagen said its Danish league games against Horsens, Randers FC and Lyngby, and the Europa League match against Istanbul Basaksehir, would be affected. Copenhagen said it had no information about its return game in Istanbul.

Two other Danish soccer teams, FC Midtjylland and Aarhus, have halted all physical interviews with players, coaches and other employees. Instead, any interviews will be done by telephone.

Interview opportunities with the media following matches will still be possible but will be reduced to a few minutes and with a safety distance of two meters (yards) between the player and the interviewer.

No one with the clubs has tested positive, but former Denmark national team player Thomas Kahlenberg has been put in quarantine because of the virus. Kahlenberg, who represented Denmark at the 2010 World Cup, attended a Danish league match on Sunday between Brondby and Lyngby. Several people related to those clubs have been quarantined as a precaution.

News conferences and media opportunities following soccer matches in Italy have also been scrapped, though TV broadcasters should still be allowed to carry out interviews under certain conditions.

In France, the roof at the Stade Pierre-Mauroy will remain open even if it rains when Lille hosts Lyon in a league match on Sunday.

"We will have to have the roof open with regards to the spreading of the virus," Lille coach Christophe Galtier said. "We have to abide by this decision."

The coronavirus reached 577 cases in France by Friday, with nine deaths, the country's health ministry said.

The French soccer league also has measures in place to help contain the virus, such as no handshakes and other modified protocol.

The Asian weightlifting championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, scheduled for April 16-25, were also called off. The championships, which serve as an Olympic qualifying competition, were originally scheduled to be held in Kazakhstan but were moved because of the virus.

## INVESTIGATION

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and we will strive to always uphold the public's trust in our University."

Nessel said her insistence on full cooperation is rooted in the office's experience while investigating Michigan State University. Amid public pressure, the school's board of trustees

in 2018 asked Nessel's predecessor to investigate the university's handling of allegations made against former sports doctor Larry Nassar.

Three former school officials were charged based on the investigation. But Michigan State refused to waive attorney-client privilege, Nessel said, denying investigators access to thousands of documents.

## WRESTLING

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he said, "I'm all for that. I want to help them succeed as much as I can, however I can."

Farmer is in Seward almost every day for wrestling and his part-time warehouse job at Big Cob Hybrids seed company. He's working on dual master's degrees in athletic administration and

business administration and takes all his classes online.

He might not be done with wrestling after this weekend. He said he would like to compete at the international level and make a run at qualifying for the 2024 Olympics.

"I'm constantly getting better. I have so far to go," he said. "I'm just starting to scratch the surface of my potential."



# Man’s sudden death comes with a shocking revelation

**DEAR ABBY:** A short time ago, I experienced a terrible loss. I came home from work one evening and found “Martin,” my boyfriend of almost 17 years, dead at the bottom of the stairs. I later found out he had been drinking. I never saw Martin drinking before. He did it very rarely. He didn’t go to bars, and he would never drink and drive. He did have a close friend who would visit him on occasion, and they would drink beer together. Abby, I feel deceived and betrayed on top of the terrible grief I can’t seem to overcome. Martin knew how I felt about drinking because I was previously married to an alcoholic for 19 years. How do I get past this? — Wounded In Pennsylvania

**DEAR WOUNDED:** Please accept my deepest sympathy, not only for your loss, but for the manner in which you found your boyfriend. It had to have been an awful shock. Are you absolutely certain his death was alcohol-related? Was there an autopsy? People have been known to suffer strokes or massive heart attacks that can take them suddenly, and if Martin was on the stairs, something like that could have caused his fall rather than the fact he had alcohol in his system. A way to move past your anger and disappointment would be to look further into what happened if that’s possible, and if his cause of death is what you suspect, forgive him. Hanging onto anger and bitterness is not healthy for you.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have been married for 4 ½ years. Most of them have not been good. When we have disagreements, he calls me names and then gives me the silent treatment, sometimes for weeks at a time. We tried counseling. He was initially helpful, but he refuses to go anymore, saying “it didn’t work.” (We went to three one-hour sessions.) I’m trapped financially because I can’t afford our mortgage alone (he threatens me financially when we argue by not contributing his agreed-upon share into our household account). I don’t have the means to move out while still paying my share of the mortgage. I have three dogs, so renting is practically impossible. I’m lost, and I don’t know what to do. I cannot continue living in silence anymore. Help! — Miserable In Florida

**DEAR MISERABLE:** A good marriage is like heaven; a bad one is like living with a truly unpleasant cellmate. Pick up the phone, start interviewing divorce attorneys and tell them everything you have told me. I think you will be pleasantly surprised that you do not HAVE to remain married. Consider selling the house. That way you may not wind up with nothing. If you are unable to find homes for your dogs, contact pet rescue groups in your area and explain the situation.

You did not mention whether you have family you might be able to stay with until you are financially stable, but whether they can accommodate you or not, let them know what you have been going through. All of life is a learning experience, and there is life after you close this unhappy chapter.

**DEAR READERS:** As a fan of longer, brighter days and warmer weather, I’m pleased to issue my annual reminder to those of you who live where daylight saving time is observed: Don’t forget to turn your clocks forward one hour tonight at bedtime. Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. tomorrow. Spring is on the way! — Abby

## Dear Abby



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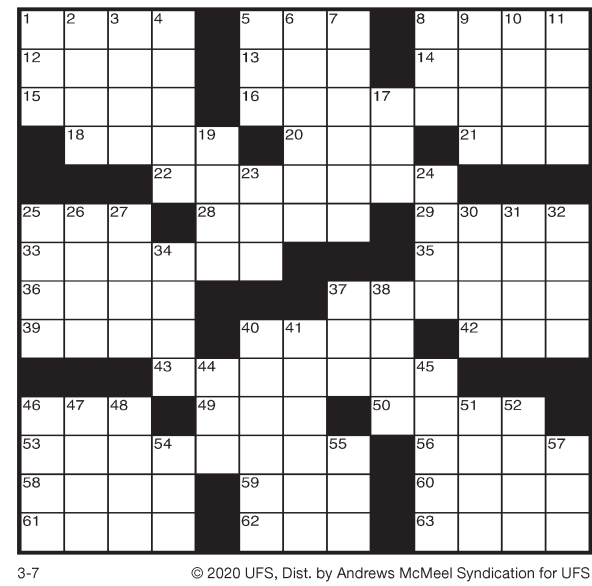
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43 Refreshing drink  
46 Zoologist's eggs

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5 Bill: Abbr.  
6 Montreal's province  
7 Warfare  
8 Lout  
9 Point on a radar screen  
10 Fencer's weapon

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GAMED BEHELD  
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AXIOMS USERS  
RCA KLM  
KNELT TABASCO  
EON OLAF COLA  
LIV PACK KNOT  
PRY IOTA SGT

**ACROSS**  
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25 With, to Henri  
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32 Narrow beams of light  
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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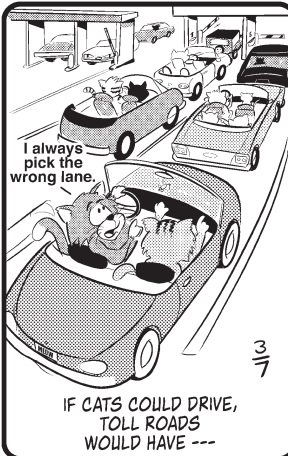
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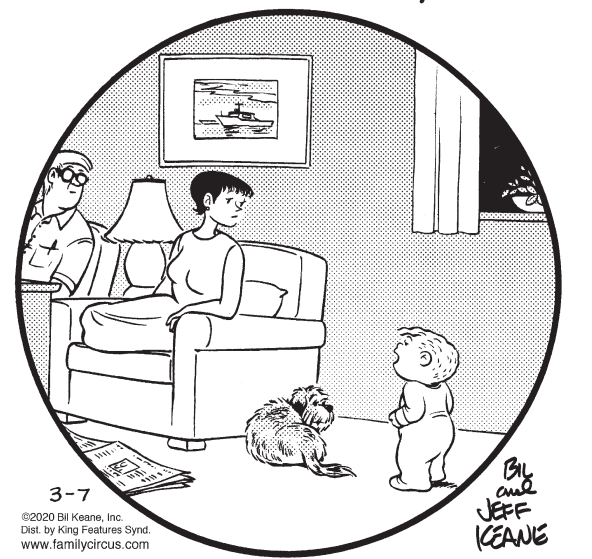
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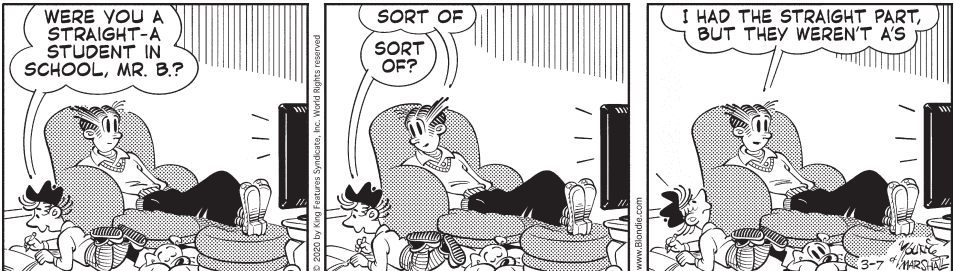


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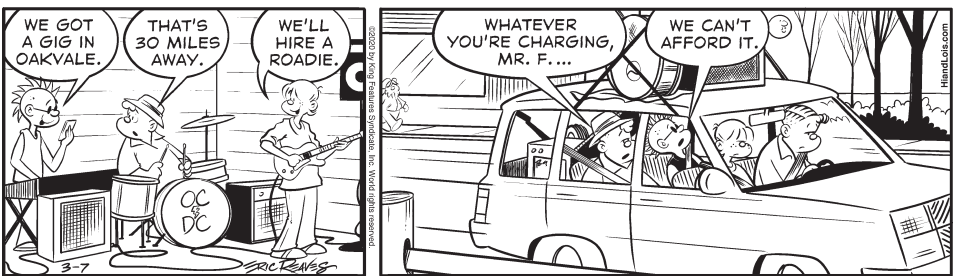
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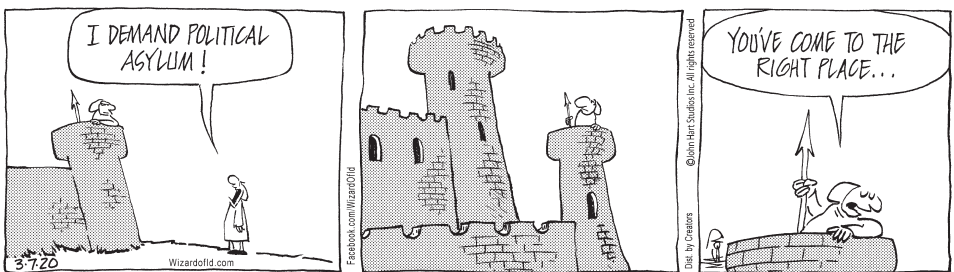
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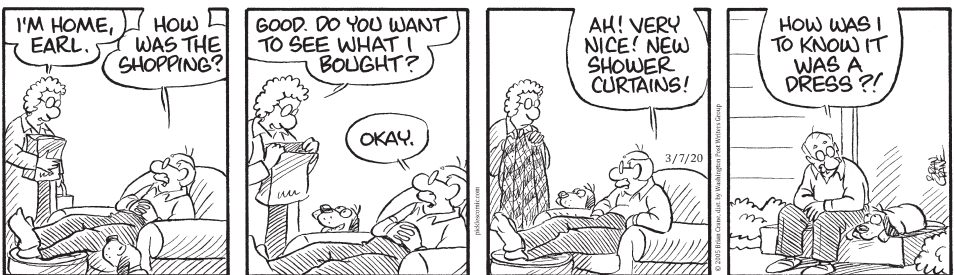
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## PICKLES



# Our example of love in the face of ridicule demonstrates the love of Christ within

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** There are some people in my church that are hard to be around; they don't treat me as a fellow Christian. Why must I accept their behavior when they do not accept mine? — M.C.

**A:** Fellow Christians make up the family of God. We are to have supernatural love for one another. “He who does not love his brother abides in death” (1 John 3:14). It robs us of joy and contentment in all manner of living. It’s God who enables us to love others.

Many have memorized Philippians 4:13 but fail to read what comes before it. Paul said, “I have learned in whatever state I am, to

be content ... to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:11-13). We are to love our enemies; even those who persecute us (Matthew 5:11). This can come from those in the church, but our example of love in the face of ridicule demonstrates the love of Christ within. The greatest of human love is for other believers. Jesus said, “This is My commandment, that

you love one another, as I have loved you” (John 15:12). “Be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity” (1 Timothy 4:12). We are to be model Christians and such obedience to Christ should become desire rather than duty. When we walk in obedience to God’s Word, He makes our desires His. “The desire of our soul is for Your name” (Isaiah 26:8).

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# Trump surveys tornado damage, marvels at ‘tremendous heart’

**By DARLENE SUPERVILLE**  
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COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — President Donald Trump on Friday toured a neighborhood reduced to rubble by a tornado earlier this week and marveled at “the tremendous heart” he witnessed. He also offered a message for survivors and those who lost family members: “We love them, they’re special people,” he said.

Trump assumed the role of

national consoler as he traveled to Tennessee. Trump surveyed devastated communities in Putnam County, where a tornado tore a 2-mile-long path, killing 18 people, including five children under 13. Many more people were injured, some critically.

Statewide, the death toll stood at 24 from a pair of storms.

Trump was met upon his arrival by Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee, U.S. Sen. Marsha

Blackburn and other top officials.

“It’s been a painful, tragic week for our state,” Lee said after surveying with Trump a street where eight people were killed.

The street was filled with debris where houses once stood. Limbs were crudely snapped from trees. A white laundry basket, chairs from a dining table, cinder blocks and a step ladder dotted the landscape.

Trump then met with survi-

vors and volunteers at a local church filled with boxes of emergency supplies, pallets of water and tables filled with clothes.

“When you have those who lost somebody, that’s a very tough situation,” Trump said during the nearly 40-minute stop. “We are with you all the way.”

He posed for pictures and shook hands with people before speaking to emergency personnel. “Nobody’s seen what you had to go through,”

Trump said.

Such trips have become familiar for the president, who has visited numerous scenes of disaster and tragedy after hurricanes, mass shootings and wildfires during the past three years.

The Republican president won the heavily GOP state by 26 percentage points in the 2016 election, and trounced Democrat Hillary Clinton in Putnam County by a margin of more than 2-to-1. Davidson County, the other

Tennessee region devastated by tornadoes, is a Democratic enclave in the reliably Republican red state.

Trump will also visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, which is leading efforts to stop the spread of the new coronavirus. He will end the day at his private Mar-a-Lago club in Palm Beach, Florida, attending a pair of fundraising events to benefit the Republican Party and his reelection campaign.

# Inside the 3 days that remade the Democratic primary

**By JULIE PACE, THOMAS BEAUMONT and SARA BURNETT**  
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WASHINGTON — At Mike Bloomberg’s midtown Manhattan campaign headquarters, a team of pollsters and analysts churned out multiple tranches of data each day on the state of the Democratic race. The sophisticated data operation was supposed to be the candidate’s not-so-secret weapon, giving Bloomberg an almost real-time look at voters’ preferences in key states and allowing the campaign to rapidly move around its vast resources.

But after Joe Biden’s commanding victory in the South Carolina primary, the numbers moved too fast for Bloomberg’s money to catch up. Voters were rapidly flocking to the former vice president — so quickly that poll results were outdated almost as fast as they landed in the Bloomberg team’s inboxes.

“Even polls that were 24 hours old, 12 hours old were out of date,” said Kevin Sheekey, Bloomberg’s campaign manager.

Just three days after Biden’s South Carolina victory, 10 more states confirmed what Bloomberg and other candidates were seeing: a stunning consolidation of support around Biden by a diverse swath of the Democratic electorate.

Though Biden lost California, the night’s biggest prize, to Bernie Sanders, he closed the gap there significantly, allowing him to emerge from Super Tuesday with a lead in the all-important delegate count.

The 72 hours between the South Carolina primary and Super Tuesday pulled Biden back from the brink of elimination and propelled him to the front of the race for the Democratic nomination. His resurgence is one of the most remarkable turnabouts in modern American politics, and sets up a head-to-head competition with Sanders over who is best to take on President Donald Trump in November.

Biden’s comeback was aided by rivals who stepped aside and urged their supporters to back him; by deep connections, particularly with black voters, built up over four decades in politics that helped him overcome significant gaps in his campaign operations in key states; and a growing fear among more moderate Democrats that Biden was the party’s last best hope to stop Sanders, a Vermont senator and self-described democratic socialist, from clinching the nomination.

This account of those three crucial days is based on interviews with a dozen campaign operatives and political allies of the candidates, some of whom insisted on anonymity in order to discuss internal deliberations.

The morning after Biden’s thunderous, 30-point victory in South Carolina, the Democratic presidential field descended on Selma, Alabama, to commemorate the bridge crossing where civil rights marchers were attacked in 1965.

One had already made

a private decision to drop out of the race, and another was weighing whether to do the same.

Pete Buttigieg had spent Saturday night huddled in his hotel room at a Hampton Inn in Americus, Georgia, on a conference call with top aides. One by one, Buttigieg’s aides gave their assessment: The road ahead was bleak.

It’s not where Buttigieg expected to find himself after effectively tying Sanders in Iowa and finishing a close second in New Hampshire. But he didn’t get the burst of momentum out of those states that his campaign had hoped. And while his advisers had expected Biden to win in South Carolina, the margin of victory was surprising.

On the late-night conference call, Buttigieg’s advisers struggled to outline how he would emerge from Super Tuesday in solid position in the delegate count.

Buttigieg agreed with his team’s assessment: It was time to get out.

Senior campaign advisers hurriedly made plans for a concession speech back in Indiana, while Buttigieg dutifully pressed on through his schedule of events on Sunday, including the march in Selma. Between events, he called supporters to let them know his campaign was ending.

Chris Cabaldon, the mayor of West Sacramento, California, was among those who received a call. The candidate seemed a little “shaken,” Cabaldon said, but maintained he was comfortable with his decision.

“I think it was pretty clear he felt not just at peace, but he had a new mission,” Cabaldon said.

Buttigieg also tried to reach Biden, but his team initially had the wrong telephone number. When the two men finally spoke, Buttigieg told the former vice president he was weighing an endorsement, but didn’t make a firm commitment.

Guiding Buttigieg’s decision was a conversation he had earlier Sunday night with Barack Obama. The former president, who has stayed stridently neutral throughout the primary, had long been a fan of Buttigieg, identifying him as one of the Democratic Party’s next generation of leaders.

Obama congratulated Buttigieg on his campaign and counseled him on a possible endorsement, according to a person with knowledge of the call. Obama didn’t push Buttigieg to endorse a specific candidate, but they talked through factors to consider.

By Monday morning, Buttigieg was ready to back Biden.

His campaign quietly coordinated with Biden’s campaign, which sent a private plane to South Bend to ferry Buttigieg to Dallas for an endorsement event.

Sen. Amy Klobuchar was also among the candidates who gathered in Selma. After a surprise third-place finish in New Hampshire and a sudden infusion of cash, her campaign was struggling to keep pace with the campaign’s intense primary calendar.

Klobuchar had spent Sunday morning talking with her own advisers about the path forward. The senator’s home state of Minnesota was among those voting on Super Tuesday, and the campaign’s internal polling showed Klobuchar ahead.

The way Klobuchar saw it, she had two choices: stay in to win Minnesota and relish in the glow of a home state victory, or drop out and help Biden win the state.

Klobuchar reached her decision in Selma, as she sat inside Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church.

“I was in that church in Selma that morning and I was thinking what is better here? What is better for our country?” she said on NBC’s “Today Show.”

Klobuchar privately concluded she needed to step aside.

Still, she hoped for one last rally in her home state before she announced her decision. It wasn’t to be.

Protesters interrupted Klobuchar’s campaign event at a suburban Minneapolis high school, calling on her to drop out over her handling of a 2002 murder case that sent a black 17-year-old to prison for life while she was a county prosecutor.

The rally was abruptly canceled.

Klobuchar got back on the campaign’s charter plane and headed to Utah, where she had a morning event scheduled in Salt Lake City.

But she left her aides with instructions: Because time was running out before Super Tuesday, she wanted to hold one event to both announce the end of her campaign and appear with Biden to declare her support for the former vice president.

Campaign manager Justin Buoen and two other campaign aides started Googling where Biden would be on Monday.

He had events in Texas, and a nighttime rally in Dallas seemed the most feasible.

Beyond logistics, there was an added bonus to picking the Dallas event. A joint Biden-Klobuchar rally was all but certain to be carried live on cable television.

And it was scheduled for the same time Sanders would be holding a rally in Minnesota.

For Biden, the three days between South Carolina and Super Tuesday were dizzying.

The campaign had been running on fumes through the opening months of the year. Disappointing finishes in the opening contests scared off donors, and the campaign’s coffers were running perilously low.

But Biden appeared more at home in South Carolina, where his family had vacationed for years and where he had deep ties to state officials and voters. Ahead of the primary, he’d secured the endorsement of Rep. James Clyburn, the highest-ranking African American in Congress, whose backing for Biden had come with a dose of tough love about the ways the campaign needed to improve if Biden had any hope of securing the nomination.

Heading into the Saturday primary, Biden’s campaign was hoping to pull out a win with a margin of victory in the double digits. Biden went on to carry the state by 30 points.

“This is the night Bernie Sanders began to unravel,” Dick Harpootlian, a South Carolina state senator and longtime Biden backer, said at the victory party that night.

At campaign headquarters in Philadelphia, phones began to ring. Establishment Democrats who had held off endorsing and donors who had been sitting on the sidelines were suddenly expressing interest.

One of the centrist Democrats who had backed Biden in the lead-up to South Carolina was Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine, whose state was among those voting on Super Tuesday.

When Kaine first announced his endorsement and appeared with Biden, he sensed that many voters in Virginia were still undecided. But the morning after Biden’s South Carolina win, Kaine said the shift in his state was palpable.

“I had people just coming up to me saying, ‘Hey, I saw that, I’m really glad you did that,’” Kaine said. “People were deciding late, and they were looking for how to figure this out.”

On Super Tuesday, Biden’s margin of victory in Virginia was about as large as it was in South Carolina.

His campaign had just one office in the state and had spent less than \$200,000 on television advertising compared with \$12 million for Bloomberg.

By the next morning, Bloomberg, too, would be out of the race.

He’d plunged more than a half-billion dollars into his primary campaign, but failed to win a single state.

Bloomberg’s path to the nomination was always contingent on a Biden collapse, and for weeks, the polling the data-driven billionaire consumed backed up that bet.

But Bloomberg’s own favorable ratings took a serious tumble in the campaign’s internal polling after a poor debate performance in February in which Sen. Elizabeth Warren and others berated him for the stop-and-frisk policy he oversaw as mayor of New York and his company’s non-disclosure agreements with dozens of women.

After South Carolina, the campaign’s polling showed the race was rapidly shifting away from Bloomberg. With no financial restrictions, and significant resources already spent, the campaign decided to press forward to Super Tuesday with a long-shot hope of overperforming.

By night’s end, Bloomberg wasn’t close to contention for any of the 14 states. Biden won in Minnesota, in Texas, in Massachusetts — all states where he had a scant campaign operation and little advertising on the air.

The former mayor arrived at his midtown campaign headquarters by about 8 a.m. Wednesday for one last look at the data. He concluded that he, too, was getting out and endorsing Biden.

# Officials say gunmen kill 32 at ceremony in Afghan capital

**By TAMEEM AKHGAR**  
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KABUL, Afghanistan — Gunmen opened fire Friday at a ceremony in Afghanistan’s capital attended by prominent political leaders, killing at least 32 people and wounding dozens more before the two attackers were slain by police, officials said.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement on its website.

Militants from IS have declared war on Afghanistan’s Shiites, and many of those at the ceremony were from the minority Shiite sect.

The ceremony commemorated the 1995 slaying of Abdul Ali Mazari, the leader of Afghanistan’s ethnic Hazaras, who are mostly Shiite Muslims.

The Taliban said they were not involved in the attack, which came less than a week after the U.S. and the group signed an ambitious peace deal that lays out a path for the withdrawal of American forces from the country.

Interior Ministry spokesman Nasrat Rahimi said 32 people were killed and 81 wounded in the attack in the Dasht-e-Barchi neighborhood of Kabul. The Health Ministry gave the same death toll but said 58 were wounded. All of the casualties were civilians, Rahimi said.

Opposition leader Abdullah Abdullah, who is the country’s chief executive and was a top contender in last year’s presidential election, was among several prominent political officials who attended the ceremony but left before the attack and were unhurt.

Several TV journalists were covering the ceremony inside a walled compound when the gunmen began shooting, and a reporter and a cameraman for a local broadcaster were among the wounded.

Karim Khalili, the chief of Afghanistan’s high peace council, was delivering a speech when the gunfire interrupted him. He was not hurt and later went on TV to denounce the violence.

Several witnesses said that, amid the panic, members of the security forces

at the event had fired on civilians in the crowd.

“Individuals with military uniforms who were there targeted people, there were casualties, dead and wounded,” said witness Ghulam Mohammad, according to Associated Press video.

Another survivor, Noor Mohammad, said: “Everyone was running. Three casualties were on the ground in front of me. I ran out of there to save my life.”

After opening fire, the two gunmen holed up in a half-finished apartment building, leading to a five-hour standoff with security forces. They were eventually killed and security forces cleared the building, Rahimi said. The area was cordoned off by dozens of security forces.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres condemned the violence and reiterated “that attacks against civilians are unacceptable and those who carry out such crimes must be held accountable,” according to U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric.

“The United Nations stands with all Afghans in solidarity and remains committed to an Afghan-led peace process that will end the conflict,” Dujarric said.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the deadliest attack in Kabul last year, when a suicide bomber killed 63 people and wounded 182 at a wedding. All were from the Shiite Hazara community.

Any U.S. troop pullout from Afghanistan would be tied in part to promises by the Taliban to fight terrorism and IS. During the withdrawal, the U.S. would retain the right to continue its counter-terrorism operations in the country.

The Taliban have been fighting Islamic State militants in its headquarters in eastern Afghanistan. U.S. military officials have said IS has been degraded because of U.S. and Afghan operations but also by Taliban assaults.

A U.S. Defense Department official told the AP that they worried IS was expanding its footprint into Kunar province, where the Taliban knows the terrain and could be an asset in tracking down IS.

# Trump says sexism not to blame for end of Warren’s campaign

**By JILL COLVIN**  
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WASHINGTON — “Lack of talent.” Unlikable. “Mean.”

President Donald Trump insisted Friday that sexism wasn’t to blame for the end of Elizabeth Warren’s Democratic presidential campaign, even as he showered her with insults that are often deployed against women. Speaking to reporters as he signed an emergency \$8.3 billion funding package to help tackle the coronavirus outbreak, Trump was asked whether he thought sexism had anything to do with Warren’s departure from the Democratic presidential race on Thursday.

“No, I think lack of talent was her problem. She has a

tremendous lack of talent,” Trump responded. The president commended her debate performances, saying she “was a good debater” who had “destroyed” the candidacy of former New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg “like it was nothing.”

“But people don’t like her,” he went on to say. “She’s a very mean person. ... People don’t want that. They like a person like me, that’s not mean.”

It’s the kind of criticism often directed at female politicians, like when former President Barack Obama condescendingly called his then-rival Hillary Clinton “likable enough” during the 2008 Democratic primary campaign.



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